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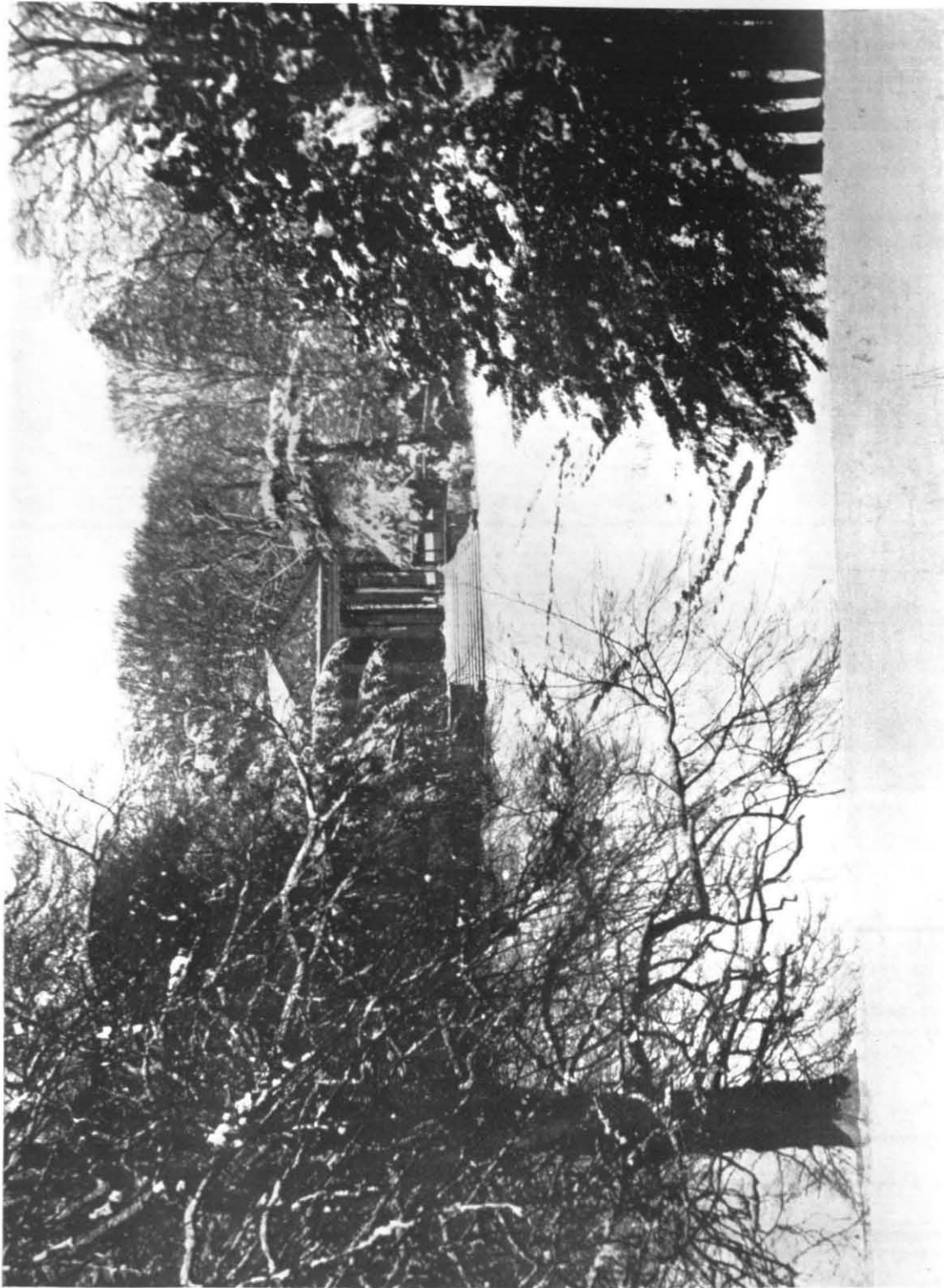


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(VIEW ACROSS THE GRECIAN VALLEY)

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## THE FLIGHT OF THE MUSES

WHEN acutely depressed by the degree of pointlessness and absurdity that exists in our civilization, Aldous Huxley thinks of Tibet. The Tibetan civilization, he says, though far older than ours, is so much more pointless and absurd that in comparison ours is a paradise. This is a fine panacea, but there is one form of depression outside its curative influence: the depression of a surfeit of English winter. For even in Tibet, climatic conditions are not so wholly unpredictable, nor the weather-clerk imbued with such a diabolic taste in practical joking, as in this land of ours.

That is why, on finding, one morning in March, the "green and pleasant land" buried beneath six inches of sub-polar snow, it was with the Englishman's resigned, phlegmatic calm that we viewed nine female figures vanishing into the southern distances above the Corinthian Arch. We were not surprised. The Muses, reared in the sheltered warmth of a Mediterranean mountain-side, could hardly be expected to remain at Stowe under such conditions. We were not surprised; but we were, perhaps, a little hurt—for an editor's lot is hard without the Muses to help him. But they are capricious goddesses; they may have deserted Stowe temporarily, but they will return. And in their absence, we should not let them see how much we rely on them. We should make an effort to continue to contribute to the arts, though the goddesses thereof are withholding their favours. Then perhaps they will become less autocratic.

Among the Chinese, we are told, it is considered a solecism to pay more than is necessary for a purchase. Nor is it just poverty, or avarice,

that bids them bargain for hours over the smallest transactions : it is the fear of losing face. The same attitude seems to be adopted by the Stoics of to-day towards literary composition. They do not lack ability, nor industry ; but they have a feeling that one who writes an essay of five pages, when only three are absolutely necessary, loses face. He is the object of mild contempt, which he can only avoid by producing a mere page and a half next time. And, of course, to sit down and write, unasked, an article for the school paper, would be an almost irreparable breach of etiquette. Like the Walrus and the Carpenter lamenting the fate of the oysters they were eating, Stowe's inhabitants grumble over the dearth of reading matter in their paper, but do nothing to redress the evil. The depressed editor, however, like Mr. Huxley, has a Tibet to turn to ; for *The Stoic* is, we feel, very far from being the worst periodical of its type.

*The Stoic* is often accused of over-impartiality, of " B.B.C-ism." But, like the B.B.C., the views of its public range from extreme right to extreme left, and from extreme athleticism to extreme intellectualism, and as the function of *The Stoic* is to mirror the outlook of all Stoics, past and present, and not in any way to dictate an orthodox Stoic point of view, anything but complete impartiality is forbidden it. Aggressive pacifism, the psychologist tells us, is just an inversion of militarism, and nearly as dangerous ; in a fluctuating world the rational man should tie himself to no rigid creed. The middle course is certainly the dullest, for the interesting scenes on either bank are out of sight. But the water is deepest and swiftest there ; it is free of shallows and back-waters. It is the safest and the fastest route down-stream.

But away with such moralisations. An editorial, it seems, should be brilliant, witty, verging on the fatuous. References should be made to the number 42, and the impossibility of relating to it any train of thought. The ban on mentioning that there is nothing to write an editorial about should be discreetly mentioned. But here we have prosiness instead of brilliance, platitudes instead of puns ; all we can hope is that the reader has not been made too painfully aware of the flight of the Muses.

P.E.R.E.

## IN MEMORIAM

RUPERT JOHN CORNFORD (6).

Born 27th December, 1915.

Died 28th December, 1936.

John Cornford came to Stowe in September 1929 with an Entrance Scholarship. Although his work in the examination had been good, it did not suggest that within three and a half years (and before his seventeenth birthday) he would have been awarded a Major Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge. His intellectual development was astonishingly rapid, and no-one who knew him in his last year at Stowe was surprised when he secured a First in Part I of the History Tripos and a Starred First in Part II.

At School, though vigorously independent in his thinking, he conformed willingly to the Public School system of which intellectually he disapproved so much, and served his House well both as a Rugger player and as a Monitor. At Cambridge he immediately became a leader of the Left Wing groups, but he did not sacrifice his historical work to his political interests. He held the Earl of Derby Studentship and had proposed to devote himself to historical research. In August however he became convinced that duty called him to Spain, and after a preliminary visit there and a short spell of recruiting at home, he fought continuously until his death with the International Brigade on behalf of the Spanish Government. He was in action on the Cordova front, and, after one day in hospital as the result of a wound (he refused to stay longer), he went out in advance of his men to reconnoitre for an attack and was killed—on the day following his twenty-first birthday.

A personal friend writing in the *Cambridge Daily News* says :—

" All his talents—his intellect, his generosity of mind, his power of deep feeling, and his devotion to others—were put to the service of his ideal. Generously gifted by nature, he believed that only in a new social order would a proper and full use of such gifts as his be possible. With utter devotion he gave himself to this cause. To those who loved him personally his high and courageous determination gave to his brief life something of the simplicity and purity of a symbol."

J.F.R.

## STOICA

*School Officials—Easter Term, 1937.*

*Prefects* :—J. G. Nicholson (Ⓢ), Head of the School ; P. Sherrard (ⓐ) ; P. L. D. Frankenburg, ma. (ⓐ) ; R. V. P. Adams (W) ; J. V. R. Birchall (T) ; I. C. S. Munro (B) ; G. W. Pirie (G) ; M. E. Bardwell (C) ; B. D. Henry, ma. (ⓐ) ; D. A. Jefferson, ma. (Ⓢ) ; A. R. Jennings (ⓐ) ; P. C. H. Morris (G).

*Monitors* :—A. Allan (W) ; H. Yellowlees, ma. (ⓐ) ; J. P. Stephens (W) ; N. S. Brown (Ⓢ) ; T. L. Dewhurst (B) ; P. Howson (ⓐ) ; D. A. G. Kaye, ma. (Ⓢ) ; J. O. H. Beamish (T) ; R. M. M. D. Lucas (B) ; A. G. Buchanan, ma. (W) ; R. B. McGrigor (W) ; R. H. Gethin (ⓐ) ; K. J. S. Ritchie (T) ; J. F. G. Fletcher (T) ; D. D. Demarest (C) ; R. N. Barclay, ma. (C) ; R. Kee, ma. (Ⓢ) ; P. E. R. English, ma. (B) ; M. P. Robinson, ma. (Ⓢ) ; M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C) ; J. F. Wheeler (C) ; C. D. Earle, ma. (B) ; C. K. Simond (T) ; J. P. T. Dawson (ⓐ) ; D. R. Barbour (ⓐ) ; C. P. J. D. O'Farrell, ma. (ⓐ) ; E. A. Bonvalot (Ⓢ) ; W. B. Banister (ⓐ) ; W. Downs (G) ; P. Spencer Thomas (W) ; J. D. Fay (G) ; R. C. W. Dampier (T) ; W. A. M. B. Stewart (T) ; C. W. Dawes (B) ; A. J. McD. Cameron (Ⓢ) ; M. W. G. Greenley (W) ; R. Evans (G) ; C. C. Cheshire (ⓐ) ; H. A. Mitchell (ⓐ).

*Captain of Rugby Football*—J. P. Stephens (W).

*Captain of Athletics*—P. Sherrard (ⓐ).

*Secretary of Athletics*—M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C).

*Prefect in Charge of Cross-Country*—J. G. Nicholson (Ⓢ).

*Prefect in Charge of Squash Rackets*—P. Sherrard (ⓐ).

*Monitor in Charge of Fives*—C. K. Simond (T).

On Thursday, February 18th, Mr. N. A. C. Croft (C, 1925) lectured to the Upper School on the Expedition to North-East Land, of which he was a member ; and on Monday, March 8th, Mr. M. C. Maclaughlin lectured on 'The Situation in the Near East.' On Thursday, March 18th, members of the Upper School were admitted to a lecture, under the auspices of the Stowe Branch of the League of Nations Union, given by Captain Victor Cazalet, M.P.

On Thursday, February 18th, a party of Oxford Blues, in very unpromising weather conditions, gave most patient and valuable instruction on the North Front in a number of athletic events.

On Wednesday, March 10th, a film of the Berlin Olympic Games was shown by Herr Nathan, a German ex-Olympic sprinter.

On Friday, February 26th, the Rector of Exeter College, Oxford, lectured to the Upper School Geographers and Classicists on "Pre-historic Man."

An experiment has been made this term in the matter of Thursday afternoons, and it is intended to continue with it in the future. On these afternoons, Rugby Football (or whatever may be the game prevailing at the time of year) is in abeyance, and facilities are provided for Association Football (favoured by a large following), special coaching in Athletics (chiefly Hurdling and Jumping), Boxing, Fencing and other games. Further outdoor activities include Estate Work, Natural History and extra Scouting, while, in a different sphere, a good opportunity is offered for those who wish to spend extra time in the Art School, the Workshops or the Queen's Temple (Music School).

Next term the list of possible activities is to be still further extended.

The weather this term has been beyond debate. Both the Ice and the Snows have it.

Last term we were urged not to be chicken-hearted. Is so much chicken-pox evidence of a serious attempt to work out this failing through our skins ?

Stowe has a new and enterprising Chef. With a diversity of egg dishes and a widening range of sweets, Stoic fare has become positively Epicurean.

On Thursday, March 4th, the Headmaster broadcast on the Empire Short Wave in the series 'This is England.'

By an oversight, the name of Mr. R. H. Pott was omitted, in our last number, from the list of new Masters who had joined the Staff. We can assure Mr. Pott that he is unlikely to be overlooked in the future.

Mr. E. Cawston has joined the Staff this term, and is taking charge both of Cricket and of Athletics.

Mr. Skene, very regrettably, is leaving Stowe this term. In his new scene of activity, all Stoics will join in wishing him an untangled skein of success. He's keen, we are told, on running a Preparatory School.

'Unsafe: please tread softly.' Repairs are in progress on the Temple of Concord. Full harmony will be restored during the course of the Summer.

The Stowe team was fourth in the Halford-Hewitt Public Schools Challenge Cup for Skiing, which was competed for at Klosters on January 6th.

Last December's Stowe Show realized a profit of £147 14s. 6d.; which amount has been paid in to the account of the Pineapple.

'Bene' Books have been awarded to N. S. Brown (G) and R. H. Anstey (C).

School Colours for Cross-Country have been awarded to R. R. Oakey (C), W. W. Cheyne (C), D. R. Foster (C), M. G. T. Webster (W), E. G. Gilbert (B) and P. Spencer Thomas (W).

School Colours for Fencing have been awarded to R. A. Rutherford (G).

The closing date for contributions to No. 43 of *The Stoic* will be Saturday, July 3rd.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following distinctions have been gained:—

- C. B. CASH (G) has been elected to an Open Scholarship for Modern History at Hertford College, Oxford.  
 N. S. BROWN (G) has been elected to an Open Scholarship for Modern History at King's College, Cambridge.  
 F. B. RICHARDS (T) has been elected to an Open Exhibition for Modern History at Magdalene College, Cambridge.  
 R. KEE (G) has been elected to an Open Exhibition for Modern History at Magdalen College, Oxford.  
 R. H. GETHIN (C) has been elected to a Savory Exhibition for Natural Sciences at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

#### SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

As a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's examination in December 1936 the following gained School Certificates:—

M. G. H. Arbutnot (C), A. J. McD. Cameron (G), W. W. Cheyne (C), P. D. Colt (G), D. S. L. Dodson (C), the Hon. J. V. Fisher (T), A. G. Flavell (C), D. R. Foster (C), D. R. le P. Gethin (C), G. R. Glenny (C), M. J. G. Hann (T), P. L. Ingham (W), P. F. Low (C), R. M. M. D. Lucas (B), R. H. Marten (G), G. Morley (W), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), D. P. M. Ramsay (T), M. P. Robinson (G), J. L. Rolleston (C), W. R. I. Turner (B), N. A. Ussher (C), A. A. Vickers (C), N. Ward (C), C. A. Weston (G), the Hon. D. E. A. Winn (T), G. Yerbury (G).

This makes a total of 124 School Certificates gained in 1936.

#### SERVICES EXAMINATIONS.

The following passed the Services Examinations in November 1936:—

NAVY:—F. E. Hanning-Lee (G) (first).  
 WOOLWICH:—J. R. S. Peplow (C); SANDHURST:—M. C. Watson (T), G. C. Maxwell (G), H. D. C. Satow (C), O. Cheape (G), W. B. Drysdale (G).

#### ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZE.

The H. M. Evans Prize for Biology (1936) has been awarded to R. H. GETHIN (C), Savory Exhibitioner of C.C.C., Cambridge.



## OLIM ALUMNI

## ACADEMIC.

MR. O. A. W. DILKE (B, 1933) has been awarded the Members' Latin Essay Prize (value 30 guineas) at Cambridge. This prize is open to any member of the University within seven years of Matriculation.

MR. D. J. M. BLACK (G, 1935) has been awarded the Benson Memorial Prize at the Passing-Out Examination, at the R.M.A., Woolwich.

MR. B. J. R. MORETON (C, 1936) has been awarded Sir William Browne's Medal for Latin Epigram, at Cambridge.

## ATHLETIC.

MR. B. C. GADNEY (G, 1928), who had been unable to play for some weeks, again played scrum-half for the English Rugby Fifteen, which beat Scotland for the first time at Murrayfield.

MR. P. B. LUCAS (G, 1934), MR. G. G. D. CARTER (G, 1934), MR. J. D. A. LANGLEY (G, 1936), MR. R. B. BOULTER (G, 1934) and MR. R. O. BOOTH (C, 1934) are all members of the Cambridge University Golf Team selected to play against Oxford. Mr. Lucas is Captain and Mr. Carter Secretary.

MR. I. EARLE (C, 1934) has played for the Oxford University Golf team on a number of occasions.

MR. J. K. HAY (C, 1934) played in an Oxford University Rugby Trial Match.

MR. J. E. MANSFIELD (G, 1934) has been awarded a Half-Blue for Fencing at Oxford.

MR. W. B. HAY (B, 1936) has received the following notice in the Yale Alumni Weekly of January 29th, 1937.

"Wellington Hay, an English youth, has built himself through hard work into one of the best Freshman Track prospects. He finished a good third behind Captain Wilbur Woodland in a 5.59 mile-and-a-quarter."

## ENGAGEMENTS.

MR. V. C. CHAMBERS (G, 1927) to Miss M. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton.

MR. J. I. CROOKSTON (T, 1928) to Miss C. D. Copping.

MR. E. C. S. PRICE (C, 1928) to Miss B. Henderson.

MR. R. H. CALVERT (G, 1929) to Miss M. Buxton.

MR. J. R. NEWMAN (C, 1933) to Miss P. D. Kettlewell.

## MARRIAGES.

MR. J. U. BODY (T, 1928) to Miss E. A. Butler. (In India).

MR. A. A. GRUMBAR (C, 1928) to Miss O. Zeffert, on March 17th.

MR. J. G. OAKEY (C, 1929) to Miss D. Bird, on February 20th.

MR. G. B. P. TRIPPE (G, 1929) to Miss T. Nockolds, on August 1st.

MR. H. W. NORMAN (G, 1929) to Miss S. Rind, on December 21st.

MR. C. A. GILKISON (C, 1930) to Miss T. Hair, on January 23rd.

MR. P. A. J. GRAHAM (C, 1930) to Miss M. E. Mander, on February 27th.

MR. C. C. CAMERON (G, 1931) to Miss H. M. Rahr, on January 13th.

MR. R. A. GORDON (C, 1931) to Miss A. Vesey, on January 7th.

MR. J. E. M. HOARE (B, 1932) to Miss U. J. Harkness, on January 23rd.

## BIRTH.

To the wife of Mr. R. HOLDEN-WHITE (G, 1928), a son, on December 25th.

## STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

(THE PINEAPPLE)

62, Carlisle Street,  
N.W.8.  
March, 1937.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

On the afternoon of December 19th about sixty very small children gathered round the Pineapple waiting for the doors to be opened; they were some of the poorest children of the neighbourhood and the occasion was a Christmas party provided for them by the Club members, who financed it themselves and did all the catering and entertaining; I am told that "they ate themselves to a standstill and when the party was finally over several of them had to be assisted home." (Many years ago the Pineapple, whence our name, was a public house; but I can assure your readers that the "assistance" was not necessitated by a temporary renewal of the licence.)

The Club is very grateful to the School and its friends for the support they extended to the Stowe Show on December 18th and also to the Committee, Messrs. Annan, Melvin and Syrett, who organized it.

Among our visitors this term we have been especially pleased to see the Headmaster and Mr. Playford. Other visitors with the exception of the London Committee have been few and far between. During the term several Old Stoics have given lectures at the Club and include Mr. T. S. Lucas on "Aviation," Mr. H. G. Morison on "South America," and Mr. Oliver Bertram on "Motor Racing"; these lectures are arranged by the London Committee. Mr. J. M. Turner joined the London Committee in January.

Mr. J. G. Nicholson has presented the Club with a three-quarter size billiards table which is in perfect condition and is a most valuable acquisition; the Club is most grateful to him. Many welcome gifts of clothing, books and games continue to arrive, but our demands are never really satisfied.

The latter part of the football season has been spoilt by the bad weather which has resulted in our "home ground," Regent's Park, not being fit for play since Christmas. At the time of writing, however, the senior team is third and the junior team is fourth in the London Federation of Boys' Clubs football leagues. The football season is nearly over and when cricket begins the Club, all being well, will have a ground of its own (for this year at any rate) at Boston Manor; there the Club Boys will be able to play every Saturday and the Old Boys can use it on Sundays. This satisfactory state of affairs is due to the generosity of Mr. H. G. Morison.

On March 6th a party of 19 Club Boys went to Stowe and had a very enjoyable time. They played football against a School team, including two masters, and beat them 2-0. Tea was followed by a film, then an excellent supper, and back again in the slums by 10.30 p.m. They enjoyed themselves, but it is possible that they would have enjoyed themselves very much more if members of the School had shown a little more interest in the visit.

The Warden and his assistants, Mr. Hone and Mr. Betts, are making a great success of the Club, but such work needs encouragement which should be supplied by Stoics, past and present, coming to the Club, and taking an interest in what is being done by Stowe for the boys of Marylebone.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN W. T. LILLEY.

### MAINLY FINANCE.

The Stowe Club is not endowed and depends entirely on past and present members of the School, the Staff, and friends of Stowe for its income. A membership of 150 is barely provided for in normal times. At present, in spite of every sound economy, its slender capital is being drawn on to meet current expenses. More donations and annual subscriptions would make the task of those who bear the brunt of its organization and management the less exacting. The Club has no salaried officials, and the boys themselves contribute something towards the cost of every single activity.

Particulars of the subscription list are entirely private to me. Any sum of money, no matter how small it may seem, and especially if it can be sent regularly, will be gratefully received. Bankers' orders may be obtained from me at any time, but cheques and postal orders are most welcome too. Gifts in kind (e.g., cast-off clothing, both men's and women's, and kit for games) should be sent direct to the Warden at 62, Carlisle Street, N.W.8.

The Warden would be glad also if anyone employing labour would remember that the Club can often supply good boys for certain types of work. He naturally asks no more than that employers should give Club boys the opportunity of applying for vacancies.

A. B. CLIFFORD, *Hon. Treasurer.*

## CHAPEL COLLECTIONS

The Collections from December 6th onwards have been as follows:—

								£	s.	d.
Dec. 6th.	Samaritan Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	13	9
Jan. 24th.	Pineapple	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	15	4
Feb. 14th.	General Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	4
Mar. 14th.	General Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	6	0
	Early Services (Dec. 6th to Mar. 14th) (for Pineapple)	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	12	7

The meeting for deciding on the amounts to be given from the General Fund to various charities had not been held at the time of going to press, but details will be given in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

For the Committee,  
J. M. TODD, *Hon. Treasurer.*  
T. C. P. BROOK.

## THE LIBRARY

We desire to acknowledge the following presentation to the Library:—

From the Author:

'A Pageant of India,' by Adolf Waley.

The following books have been bought this term:—

'More Poems' (Housman); 'Parody Party'; 'The Ascent of F6' (Auden); 'Look Strangers' (Auden); 'Eyeless in Gaza' (Huxley); 'Sherston's Progress' (Sassoon); 'Aspects of the Novel' (Forster); 'The Essential Shakespeare' (Wilson); 'The Name and Nature of Poetry' (Housman); 'The Road to Xanadu' (Lowes); 'The Decline and Fall of the Romantic Ideal' (Lucas); 'The English Theatre' (Nicholl); 'Restoration Drama' (Dobrée); 'Shakespeare Prefaces: Hamlet' (Granville-Barker); 'The Medium of Poetry' (Sutherland); 'English Prose Style' (Read); 'Shakespearean Tragedy' (Bradley); Dramatic Works (Marlowe); 'Political Thought in the 16th Century' (Allen); 'Modern Introduction to Logic' (Stebbing); 'Attic Vase Painting' (Seltman); 'Marlborough', Vol. III (Churchill); 'The Stranger Prince' (Irwin); 'British Foreign Policy, 1660-72' (Feiling); 'Préface de Cromwell' (Hugo); 'Emile ou de l'Education' (Rousseau); 'Du Contrat Social' (Rousseau); 'Extraits' (Rousseau); 'Lettres Persanes' (Montesquieu); 'Contes' (de Musset); 'Le menteur' (Corneille); 'Histoire de la Littérature Française' (Lanson); 'The Acts of the Apostles' (Blunt); 'How we got our Bible' (Smyth); 'The Relevance of the Church' (Barry); 'A History of Our Religion' (Gowen); 'God in Christian Thought and Experience' (Matthews); 'Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ' (Headlam); 'Histoire du Romantisme' (Gautier); 'Radioactivity' (Chadwick); 'Specific and Latent Heats' (McKie); 'Newton and the Origin of Colours' (Roberts and Thomas); 'Manual of Organic Chemical Analysis' (Thorpe); 'Ions, Electrons and Ionizing Radiations' (Crowther); 'Physical Chemistry' (Findlay); 'Methods in Plant Physiology' (Loomis and Shull); 'The New Acoustics' (Maclachlan); 'Heat and Energy' (Pye); 'Heat and Thermodynamics' (Roberts); 'Quantitative Chemical Analysis' (Cummings and Kay); 'A Hundred Years of Medicine' (Lloyd); 'Principes de Géométrie Moderne' (Duporcq); 'Analytical Geometry of the Conic Sections' (Askwith); 'Differential Equations,' 'History of Mathematics in Europe' (Sullivan); 'Mathematics for the Million' (Hogben); 'Curve Tracing' (Frost); 'Introduction to Mathematics' (Whitehead); 'Higher Algebra' (Milne); 'Statics' (Ramsay); 'Dynamics' (Ramsay); 'Famous Problems of Elementary Geometry' (Klein); 'The Fourth Dimension' (Neville).

W.L.McE.

E.N.R.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

CHRISTMAS TERM

HOUSE LEAGUES.

This competition was played under the same conditions as last year and produced some excellent games. The general level of play was higher than last season and in the 'A' Leagues there were no runaway victories, all the matches being close. Bruce won their way into the Final undefeated, but Chatham had a keen struggle with Cobham before they became the other finalists.

The results were:—

	GROUP A.								Total
	Matches.				Points				
	Won		Drawn		'A' 'B'		'A' 'B'		
Bruce ...	...	...	3	3	0	0	24	12	36
Grenville ...	...	...	0	2	2	0	8	8	16
Temple ...	...	...	1	0	1	0	12	0	12
Grafton ...	...	...	0	1	1	0	4	4	8

	GROUP B.								Total
	Matches.				Points				
	Won		Drawn		'A' 'B'		'A' 'B'		
Chatham ...	...	...	3	1	0	0	24	4	28
Cobham ...	...	...	2	2	0	0	16	8	24
Walpole ...	...	...	0	3	0	0	0	12	12
Chandos ...	...	...	1	0	0	0	8	0	8

'A' League—12 Points for a win.

'B' League—4 Points for a win.

FINAL ROUND.—BRUCE *v.* CHATHAM.

'A' LEAGUE.

Played on Monday, December 14th, the result being a pointless draw.

Conditions were poor, heavy rain falling throughout the game whilst a strong wind blew straight down the field. Both sides tried valiantly to overcome this handicap, but though Bruce pressed for most of the game they never really looked likely to score. The Chatham tackling was very sound and held out to the end.

In the first half Bruce had the wind behind them but play on the whole was even. After the interval the Bruce forwards played a grand game and Jolivet once hit the upright with a good attempt at a penalty goal. This however was the nearest either side got to a score and at the end it was difficult to distinguish the teams.



On the whole this was a fair result, though Bruce held an advantage territorially. Their forwards were definitely superior, but with the few chances they had the Chatham backs looked the more dangerous.

*Teams.—Bruce*:—T. L. Dewhurst; E. B. S. Hewitt, D. N. Davies, D. W. Calder, J. D. Whitby; R. G. A. Barclay, A. G. Way; L. S. Buxton, M. E. Farrer, C. E. B. Thompson, R. Law, D. J. I. Garstin, C. Jennings, E. G. Gilbert, L. C. LaT. Jolivet.

*Chatham*:—W. B. Banister; C. P. J. D. O'Farrell, D. A. Yellowlees, P. I. R. Maclaren, C. M. O'Rorke; R. J. Mead, R. S. Darby; E. B. Moore, N. Ward, R. H. Anstey, H. Yellowlees, D. V. Baldwin, J. M. Henry, H. D. Binyon, G. L. Paget.

*Referee*.—Mr. I. A. Clarke.

### 'B' LEAGUE.

Played on Monday, December 14th, Bruce winning by five goals and two tries (31 points) to nil.

As the 'A' League had resulted in a draw this game decided the result of the competition for this year. Bruce had the misfortune to lose I. R. Robertson after a few minutes play. Despite this they were definitely superior both inside and outside the scrums. Tries were scored for the winners by Pearson (3), Turner (3) and de Beer. Pearson and Turner converted two each and de Beer one.

*Teams.—Bruce*:—G. T. de Beer; R. A. Pearson, W. R. I. Turner; I. R. Robertson; J. H. Thomlinson, A. D. Robertson, J. P. Fane, M. S. Adams, J. N. Dixey.

*Chatham*:—A. H. Rowan, P. D. J. Hippisley-Cox, P. Johnstone; R. E. W. Harland; N. Q. Lawrence, D. Gardiner, R. E. Lang, M. G. Fox, S. S. F. Hornor.

*Referee*.—J. F. G. Fletcher.

### EASTER TERM

#### HOUSE SENIORS.—FIRST ROUND.

##### WALPOLE *v.* GRENVILLE.

Played on Wednesday, February 10th, Walpole winning by 37 points to nil.

For the first twenty minutes Grenville managed to hold their line intact although constantly pressed. Then the defence weakened and Walpole steadily increased their lead. McGrigor scored and converted his own try and Allan crossed a few minutes later in the corner. Just before half-time Gaskell dropped a goal. In the second half Walpole went ahead with another 25 points, being very much superior and heavier in the scrum. The Grenville tackling was always much too high. Tries were scored by Farnell-Watson, Spencer Thomas, McGrigor, Allan, Gaskell and Keir. McGrigor converted two of these and also kicked a penalty goal.

*Teams.—Walpole*:—M. L. B. Williams; P. L. Ingham, M. G. T. Webster, A. V. Farnell-Watson, A. Allan; T. R. Gaskell, R. B. McGrigor; G. W. A. Keir, R. A. P. Allsebrook, A. B. P. Beeton, P. Spencer Thomas, W. McD. Morison, R. V. P. Adams, D. P. Cooper, R. D. Jay.

*Grenville*:—J. B. Dwight; J. S. Filleul, S. R. G. Scott, B. A. J. C. Gregory, E. D. W. Selby-Lowndes; A. E. Cawkell, J. H. de Burgh; J. D. Fay, P. E. Waugh, G. W. Pirie, P. J. Ellam, H. F. Sassoon, P. F. E. Foster, P. C. H. Morris, R. Evans.

#### COBHAM *v.* CHATHAM.

Played on Wednesday, February 10th, Cobham winning by 13 points to 10 points.

Cobham had the best of the game. Their forwards got the ball in nearly every scrum and line-out, and the Chatham three-quarters had to remain on the defensive most of the time. After the first ten minutes Cobham were pressing hard for the rest of the first half and a good part of the second. Their first try was scored by Hugill, who broke through the Chatham forwards. Soon after, Merchant cut through from a loose scrum and scored again. Both tries were converted.

In the second half, Cobham started to press again and Ashcroft scored near the touch-line from a forward rush. The try was not converted. Chatham now made a desperate effort to recover the position. Sherrard opened up several attacking movements, and combined three-quarter and forward work resulted in two tries (Oakey and Thomson) which were converted by Sherrard. Chatham continued to attack and came again within two yards of the line but failed to score before time.

*Teams.—Cobham*:—D. R. Foster; P. L. D. Frankenburg, P. J. Diggle, A. R. Merchant, A. G. Flavell; J. B. Frankenburg, C. A. Ashcroft; A. A. Vickers, P. M. Syrett, H. A. Mitchell, J. M. Icke, A. R. Jennings, G. T. Hugill, D. S. Mitchell, J. L. Rolleston.

*Chatham*:—R. J. Mead; C. P. J. D. O'Farrell, D. A. Yellowlees, R. R. Oakey, I. E. T. Jenkin; P. Sherrard, I. R. L. Shaw; B. D. Henry, J. M. Thomson, H. Yellowlees, N. Ward, J. B. Dunlop, J. M. Henry, E. B. Moore, G. L. Paget.

#### TEMPLE *v.* GRAFTON.

Played on Wednesday, February 10th, Temple winning by one goal, one penalty goal and three tries (17 points) to nil.

After rather an uncertain start Temple always seemed to have a firm grip on the game. There were, however, few good combined movements by either side, all the dangerous movements being of an opportunist nature, with the possible exception of Hastings' try which was quite the best bit of football in the game, Simond making a good opening and Hastings finishing off splendidly. The Temple forwards got the larger share of the ball in the tight scrums, but Grafton more or less held them in the open and at times made good rushes which the Temple backs usually proved equal to stopping with a pick up and kick to touch. The Grafton backs were as disjointed as those of Temple and had not the latter's individual quickness on the ball, so that they rarely looked dangerous. They had, however, one good movement, a reverse pass from the scrum very nearly leading to a try.

In the first half, Stewart scored in the corner and Scholfield a little closer in, both after rather involved manoeuvring by forwards and backs. In the second half, Stewart kicked a penalty goal and Hastings scored the try mentioned, Walsh converting. Finally Walsh scored in the corner after a quick heel from a loose scrum near the Grafton line.

*Teams.—Temple* :—J. V. R. Birchall ; N. K. Bottomley, J. Roche, M. B. Scholfield, T. P. Walsh ; P. R. H. Hastings, C. K. Simond ; C. D. B. Howell, M. I. Massy, G. L. Le Bouvier, E. M. Wood, J. P. Robertson, W. A. M. B. Stewart, R. G. Falconar-Stewart, C. P. D. Davidson.

*Grafton* :—R. Kee ; P. J. Blundell, J. R. S. Michell, M. P. Robinson, R. H. Marten ; R. A. L. Black, A. J. McD. Cameron, D. A. Jefferson, D. A. Braithwaite, N. S. Brown, H. L. English, C. W. Bartley, J. G. Nicholson, B. J. G. Kaye, I. McC. Tait.

#### BRUCE *v.* CHANDOS.

This game was played on Wednesday, February 10th, and resulted in a win for Bruce by five tries (15 points) to a try (3 points).

Owing to illness, Chandos had great difficulty in raising a side. Although Bruce ran out comfortable winners it was Chandos who took the honours. They put up a grand show and surprised Bruce by opening the score with an unconverted try by Low. Bruce were very lethargic and their forwards sadly lacked leadership. However, tries by Calder and Lucas gave them the lead at half-time.

In the second half, with the wind behind them, Bruce pulled themselves together and completed the scoring with tries by Earle, Stobart and Buxton.

For Chandos, Cheyne played a strong game at full back, whilst Bardwell led the forwards in good style. On the Bruce side, Way was an excellent scrum-half.

*Teams.—Bruce* :—T. L. Dewhurst ; D. W. Calder, C. D. Earle, J. D. W. Stobart, W. R. I. Turner ; I. C. S. Munro, A. G. Way ; L. S. Buxton, J. H. Weir, C. E. B. Thompson, P. H. Koelsch, C. W. Dawes, E. G. Gilbert, D. N. Davies, R. M. M. D. Lucas.

*Chandos* :—W. W. Cheyne ; J. J. Riddick, F. N. C. Satow, J. C. Bartholomew, A. E. P. Needham ; J. C. Drew, N. A. Ussher ; M. E. Bardwell, P. F. Low, R. N. Barclay, G. G. Riddick, A. L. Wilson, D. D. Demarest, Prince Y. Galitzine, J. J. O. Hutchison.

#### SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

#### COBHAM *v.* WALPOLE.

Played on the South Front on Monday, February 15th, this game resulted in a win for Cobham by a try and a penalty goal (6 points) to a try (3 points).

The winners were superior in the set scrums, Syrett hooking particularly well. This was rather surprising as the Walpole forwards appeared much the heavier. Outside, too, despite the heavy going, Cobham were much the more effective. Frankenburg at stand-off played an intelligent game and his defensive kicking was of great value in the second half.

The Walpole backs were very disorganized during the second half through an injury to Stephens, but their defeat was due entirely to the poor form of their forwards.

In the first half, Walpole opened the score with an excellent try by Webster, after good inter-passing. Foster equalized with a try following a period of pressure by the Cobham outsides.

Jennings won the game for his side when he kicked a fine penalty goal during the second half.



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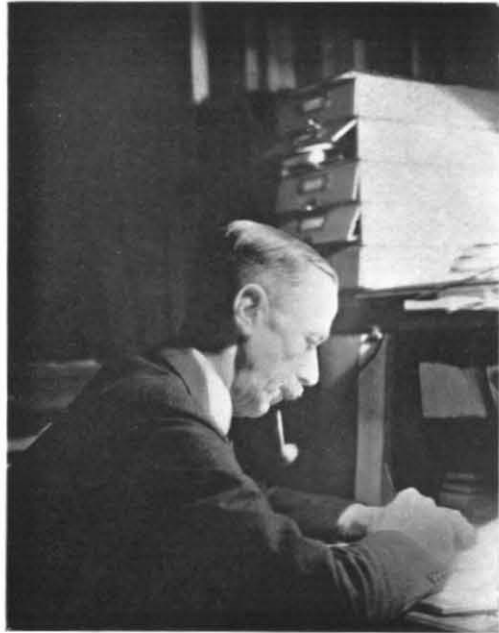


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FINISH OF THE SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY  
(WINNER: R. R. OAKY (C))

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STUDIES

BY 'LOWER SCHOOL HOBBIES'

*Teams.—Cobham* :—J. P. Phillips ; P. L. D. Frankenburg, P. J. Diggle, A. R. Merchant, D. R. Foster ; J. B. Frankenburg, C. A. Ashcroft ; A. A. Vickers, P. M. Syrett, H. A. Mitchell, J. M. Icke, A. R. Jennings, G. T. Hugill, A. G. Flavell, J. L. Rolleston.

*Walpole* :—M. L. B. Williams ; M. G. T. Webster, A. V. Farnell-Watson, J. P. Stephens, P. Spencer Thomas ; T. R. Gaskell, R. B. McGrigor ; G. W. A. Keir, R. A. P. Allsebrook, C. F. Tracy, W. McD. Morison, A. B. P. Beeton, R. V. P. Adams, D. P. Cooper, R. D. Jay.

TEMPLE *v.* BRUCE.

Played on Monday, February 15th, Bruce winning by two tries (6 points) to one try (3 points).

In spite of some rain the previous day the ground had dried well and was in good condition. Bruce won the toss and decided to kick off. Almost immediately Way, the Bruce scrum-half, broke away from a scrum in midfield and sent Munro over for a try in the corner. The kick at goal failed. Soon after play restarted Bruce again began to press and after some frantic scrummaging on the Temple line Way forced his way over on the blind side. From then until half-time, most of the play took place in midfield. In the second half play was more even. Heeling for once in midfield, Temple got the ball and sent it out to Scholfield who ran round his man to score a try in the corner. This concluded the scoring. The game ended amid some fearful scrummaging on the Temple line.

The superiority of the Bruce forwards in the tight as well as in the loose was the critical factor of the game. The Temple three-quarter line was better than the Bruce line and looked quite dangerous the few times they got the ball.

*Teams.—Bruce* :—D. W. Calder ; J. E. C. Nicholl, J. D. W. Stobart, C. D. Earle, W. R. I. Turner ; I. C. S. Munro, A. G. Way ; L. S. Buxton, J. H. Weir, M. E. Farrer, P. H. Koelsch, C. W. Dawes, E. G. Gilbert, R. M. M. D. Lucas, D. N. Davies.

*Temple* :—J. V. R. Birchall ; N. K. Bottomley, J. Roche, M. B. Scholfield, T. P. Walsh ; P. R. H. Hastings, C. K. Simond ; C. D. B. Howell, M. I. Massy, M. J. G. Hann, E. M. Wood, J. P. Robertson, C. P. D. Davidson, R. G. Falconar-Stewart, W. A. M. B. Stewart.

## FINAL ROUND.

COBHAM *v.* BRUCE.

Played on Friday, February 19th, the result being a draw (5—5), each side scoring a goal.

Both sides played with an enormous amount of zest : the tackling was so fierce and deadly that most ground had to be made by kicking. However, not much real head-way was made by either side and the score at half-time was Cobham, 0, Bruce, 0.

The second half had not been in progress long before Merchant lobbed a pass, which was intercepted by Stobart. He dodged the full-back and was tackled by covering forwards, but just managed to ground the ball over the line. He himself converted. Cobham then attacked strongly, and from a loose maul near the Bruce line Flavell

went through like a flash to score near the posts. Jennings kicked a goal to draw level. Bruce nearly scored in the Shop corner, but Cobham managed to clear and on time were actually on the Bruce line.

In an effort to decide the issue, five minutes extra time were played each way with no result.

*Teams.—Cobham*:—J. P. Phillips; P. L. D. Frankenburg, A. R. Merchant, P. J. Diggle, D. R. Foster; J. B. Frankenburg, C. A. Ashcroft; A. A. Vickers, P. M. Syrett, H. A. Mitchell, J. M. Icke, A. R. Jennings, G. T. Hugill, A. G. Flavell, J. L. Rolleston.

*Bruce*:—T. L. Dewhurst; D. W. Calder, J. D. W. Stobart, C. D. Earle, W. R. I. Turner; I. C. S. Munro, A. G. Way; L. S. Buxton, J. H. Weir, L. C. la T. Jolivet, P. H. Koelsch, C. W. Dawes, E. G. Gilbert, R. M. M. D. Lucas, D. N. Davies.

#### FINAL ROUND (Replay).

Played on Monday, February 22nd, Bruce winning by two tries (6 points) to nil.

The ground was drier and the weather more conducive to good football:

Cobham played with the wind and sun, defending the shop end. Cobham got more than their share of the ball, thanks to good hooking by Syrett and Mitchell. This did not avail them much and they did not gain much ground. About half-way through the first half, the ball came out nicely to Stobart, who shot through the centre to pass to the forwards who were backing up. Jolivet scored. Stobart failed with the kick.

In the second half Cobham again got more of the ball and made some ground on occasions, but bad kicking ahead into Dewhurst's hands was severely dealt with. Later Munro flashed through, passed to Earle, who transferred to Stobart, just as he was being tackled. Stobart scored in the corner, but could not convert. Cobham tried hard to reduce the arrears, but failed.

It was a fine game with touches of class football, and Bruce deserved to win.

*Teams.—Bruce*:—T. L. Dewhurst; J. D. Whitby, J. D. W. Stobart, C. D. Earle, D. W. Calder; I. C. S. Munro, A. G. Way; L. S. Buxton, J. H. Weir, L. C. la T. Jolivet, P. H. Koelsch, C. W. Dawes, E. G. Gilbert, R. M. M. D. Lucas, W. R. I. Turner.

*Cobham*:—D. M. Bolton; P. L. D. Frankenburg, A. R. Merchant, P. J. Diggle, A. G. Flavell; J. P. Phillips, C. A. Ashcroft; A. A. Vickers, P. M. Syrett, H. A. Mitchell, J. M. Icke, A. R. Jennings, G. T. Hugill, C. R. T. Cunningham, J. L. Rolleston.

#### PLACE-KICKING COMPETITION.

For this competition each house produced two seniors and two juniors, who each had six kicks from three different positions. For the seniors each successful kick counted 5 points and for the juniors 4 points.

*Results*:—Walpole, 70; Bruce, 66; Temple, 62; Grafton, 59; Cobham, 53; Grenville, 51; Chandos, 45; Chatham, 39.

*Walpole results*:—Seniors, R. B. McGrigor, 20, H. C. Lowcock, 10; Juniors, A. V. Farnell-Watson, 20, R. H. M. Spencer, 20.

#### JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Owing to the ravages of influenza and chicken-pox very few of the matches in Groups A and B were played. In Group A the only match was between Grafton and Cobham, which the latter team won. In Group B, Temple beat Chandos and Bruce to reach the Final.

The Final was played on Ground 8, on Wednesday, February 17th, between Temple and Cobham. Both sides were weakened as the result of illness, Cobham being the more seriously affected. For the winners, Bates, Lucas, Mitchell and Johnstone, by concentrating on spoiling the opposition halves, helped to keep a strong Temple back division in check. For the losers, Murdoch was magnificent in every respect except that it would have been wiser not to kick to touch at all in the second half and to keep the ball in play on every possible occasion.

The scrummaging was atrocious on both sides through over-keenness and a great deal of the back play was spoiled by this.

Temple pressed right away and nearly scored. For the remainder of the first half Cobham had most of the play, but failed to score, except from a very fine penalty kick from far out and across the wind by Lucas. Temple played badly in the second half down wind, when with more thought and less brute force they would have been bound to win.

*Result*:—Cobham (one penalty goal), 3 points; Temple, 0.

*Teams.—Cobham*:—A. J. R. Davenport; J. F. Nye, A. W. Armstead, E. R. Anderson, C. M. Griffin; I. J. H. Lewisohn, P. A. Bates; J. D. Johnstone, A. M. Mitchell, J. P. Bentley, I. N. Craig, P. M. F. Sichel, J. A. H. Lucas.

*Temple*:—D. K. Murdoch; J. D. S. Rowntree, J. D. Le Bouvier, J. B. Cross, R. J. Ellison; P. Wilby, C. d'A. Dakin; B. Byrne, I. D. W. McEwen, R. O. Richards, M. P. Forsyth-Forrest, P. D. Forsyth-Forrest, J. C. D. Green.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

#### FIRST VIII v. CHARTERHOUSE.

The race this year was at Stowe and resulted in an easy victory for the home team, though Charterhouse provided the individual winner—a very easy and convincing winner.

It seemed at the beginning of the season, so persistent was the bad luck which pursued the few runners we had left with reputations from last year, H. L. Gilbert (T), H. L. English (G), K. J. S. Ritchie (T) and P. R. H. Hastings (T) all being forbidden to run, that the team would be distinctly below standard. As it turned out these fears were quite unjustified, for, although we had no outstanding runner of the calibre of McKean or Gammidge in recent years, several young runners came on well and the team as a whole was probably more evenly balanced and capable of better packing than usual. The Charterhouse match proved this, for, although Charterhouse got the first

place, Stowe, aided to what extent by the exceptionally foul conditions underfoot it would be difficult and uncharitable to estimate, took all the next six places.

Charterhouse, with the exception of Coggins, who has another year at school and is already a fine runner, were admittedly not a very strong team and it was clear from the first 'broadcasting point' at the entrance to the great riding on the way out that they were finding the unaccustomed conditions too hard for them. At this point Coggins, Oakey, and three other Charterhouse men led with the rest of Stowe not far behind. By the time the circuit of the wood was completed Coggins and Oakey were clear, and at the second broadcast, near the Deer Barn, Coggins led by 70 yards with Oakey 150 yards ahead of Cheyne, Foster, Webster and Rawson. On the road Coggins continued to gain and eventually came down the Grecian Valley without hurrying but with a quarter-miler's stride, and finished just as Oakey crossed the bridge. The time, 36 mins. 56 secs., was just a minute more than Gammidge's time two years ago and in the conditions was a notable performance. Cheyne, Foster and Webster came in close together about thirty seconds after Oakey: Gilbert and Spencer Thomas also had the satisfaction of overtaking Rawson before the end.

This result was very satisfactory, as none of the team had had any previous match experience, and it is particularly pleasant to think that the Stowe first four, besides Coggins, will probably be still at school next year.

Order and times :—

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|-----|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | P. W. Coggins (Charterhouse).  | 36 mins. 56 secs. |
| 2.  | R. R. Oakey (Stowe, C).        | 37 mins. 50 secs. |
| 3.  | W. W. Cheyne (Stowe, C).       |                   |
| 4.  | { D. R. Foster (Stowe, C).     |                   |
|     | { M. G. T. Webster (Stowe, W). |                   |
| 6.  | E. G. Gilbert (Stowe, B).      |                   |
| 7.  | P. Spencer Thomas (Stowe, W).  |                   |
| 8.  | I. L. Rawson (Charterhouse).   |                   |
| 9.  | { D. L. Holt (Charterhouse).   |                   |
|     | { G. T. Morgan (Charterhouse). |                   |
| 11. | W. McD. Morison (Stowe, W).    |                   |
| 12. | J. C. Bartholomew (Stowe, C).  |                   |
| 13. | M. J. Pugh (Charterhouse).     |                   |
| 14. | P. Swinbank (Charterhouse).    |                   |
| 15. | F. L. Boldero (Charterhouse).  |                   |
| 16. | A. C. Boyd (Charterhouse).     |                   |

Score :—Stowe 2, 3, 4, 5, 6—20 points.

Charterhouse 1, 7, 8, 9, 10—35 points.

#### THE INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY.

The races were run on Monday, March 1st, over the same courses as last year. Weather conditions were appalling. There had been a heavy fall of snow on the Sunday and a severe frost during the night and, although Monday dawned clear and sunny, a pioneering expedition was necessary in the morning to decide if the courses were dangerous or not. The pioneer, who was a non-runner, in hopes of a half-holiday, reported favourably.

The Junior race was won by D. A. Yellowlees (C) who beat D. A. Braithwaite (C) by two or three yards after a thrilling race down the Grecian Valley. I. R. L. Shaw (C) was a close third, and these three were comfortably ahead of A. D. Robertson (B), 4th. Chatham, who had been practising keenly throughout the term as a Thursday extra, won the team race with the excellent placings of 1, 3, 7, 12, 13, making a total in points of 578, against Grafton's 528. The winner's time was 16 mins. 54 secs., compared with last year's 15 mins. 45½ secs.

Last year's account spoke somewhat slightly of the Black Pit broadcast. This year the apparatus worked most successfully and the operators contrived to be both informative and witty. It was a noticeable fact—illustrative of the unusually heavy conditions—that the order of runners given by the commentator at Black Pit was preserved with very little variation till the finish.

The Senior race was won by R. R. Oakey (C), in what was for the day the very satisfactory time of 24 mins. 22½ secs. (compared with the record of 22 mins. 16½ secs). He beat W. McD. Morison (W) by about 40 yards, with the same distance between Morison and a group of three who came in next, W. W. Cheyne (C), J. C. Bartholomew (C), and M. G. T. Webster (W). Cheyne had beaten Oakey in a School Trial during the previous week, but apparently made the tactical error of forgetting that this race was a mile shorter than the trial and letting Oakey open too long a lead in the early part of the course.

Walpole, with four men in the first nine home, won the team event by a large margin, but they had been a long way behind in the Junior race and could not quite make up the gap. Chatham won in the aggregate of the two races by 30 points from Grafton, who were second in both, with Walpole another 30 behind.

#### Team placings and points.

JUNIOR RACE.		SENIOR RACE.		AGGREGATE.	
1.	Chatham 578 Points.	1.	Walpole 837 Points.	1.	Chatham 1265 Points.
2.	Grafton 528 „	2.	Grafton 705 „	2.	Grafton 1233 „
3.	Chandos 472 „	3.	Chatham 687 „	3.	Walpole 1205 „
4.	Temple 434 „	4.	Bruce 657 „	4.	Bruce 1071 „
5.	Bruce 414 „	5.	Temple 636 „	5.	Temple 1070 „
6.	Cobham 380 „	6.	Cobham 555 „	6.	Chandos 1021 „
7.	Walpole 368 „	7.	Chandos 549 „	7.	Cobham 935 „
8.	Grenville 200 „	8.	Grenville 384 „	8.	Grenville 584 „

## SPORTS 1937

Sports Day was held on Saturday, March 20th. After three weeks of almost continuous rain and snow, Sports Day itself turned out really warm and fine, although the track was still very heavy. This, as it had done throughout the Heats, severely handicapped the runners.

Throwing the Javelin and Discus were introduced for the first time this year and the results were most encouraging.

The Open 100 Yards produced a tremendous finish with only two feet separating all six runners. The winner was M. P. Robinson ma. (♠), who went on to win the Long Jump with a record Jump. P. Sherrard (♠), half-an-inch behind, also equalled the previous record, and altogether there were four competitors who jumped over 19 ft.; Sherrard had previously won the Pole Vault and been equal second in the High Jump, which was won by C. D. Earle ma. (B).

The Open Mile was won by W. McD. Morison (W) and the Half Mile by W. W. Cheyne ma. (C).

In the Junior events the outstanding athlete was J. M. Thomson ma. (♠). He had won the Junior Long Jump with a Record Jump of 18 ft. 3 ins. on the previous Thursday and then went on to beat the time of the Open 100 Yards in winning the Junior Race. He also won the Junior Furlong and Quarter Mile, and he should become a really good sprinter and Long Jumper. I. R. L. Shaw (♠) was successful in both the Junior Mile and Half Mile, and in the Hurdles.

The House Sports Cup was easily won by Chatham, who had chiefly to thank their Juniors for this success, ably backed up by P. Sherrard in the Open Events.

It is noteworthy that, if an equal first in the High Jump may be included, Chatham provided the winner of every Junior Event.

The points were:—Chatham, 101½; Grafton, 43½; Cobham, 42½; Temple, 42¼; Bruce, 29¾; Chandos, 24; Walpole, 20; Grenville, 3.

The Prizes were given away by The Lady Olivia Trevor.

The results were as follows:—

100 Yards (Open).—1, M. P. Robinson ma. (♠); equal 2, C. A. Ashcroft (♠) and J. Roche (T). Time, 11.4 secs.

100 Yards (Junior).—1, J. M. Thomson ma. (♠); 2, P. F. Bell (♠); 3, D. A. Yellowlees mi. (♠). Time, 11.3 secs.

High Jump (Open).—1, C. D. Earle ma. (B); equal 2, J. G. Nicholson (♠) and P. Sherrard (♠). Height, 5 ft. 5½ ins.

High Jump (Junior).—equal 1, F. H. V. Beazley (B), J. D. Le Bouvier mi. (T) and D. A. Yellowlees mi. (♠). Height, 4 ft. 9 ins.

120 Yards Hurdles (Open).—1, M. B. Scholfield (T); 2, T. P. Walsh (T); 3, P. C. H. Morris (G). Time, 18.7 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (Junior).—1, I. R. L. Shaw (♠); 2, G. R. Brown (W); 3, J. R. S. Michell (♠). Time, 19.8 secs.

Half Mile (Open).—1, W. W. Cheyne ma. (C); 2, P. R-H. Hastings (T); 3, D. R. Foster (♠). Time, 2 mins. 21.6 secs.

Half Mile (Junior).—1, I. R. L. Shaw (♠); 2, D. A. Yellowlees mi. (♠); 3, D. A. Braithwaite (♠). Time, 2 mins. 24.2 secs.

220 Yards (Open).—1, C. A. Ashcroft (♠); 2, J. Roche (T); 3, A. R. Merchant (♠). Time, 25 secs.

220 Yards (Junior).—1, J. M. Thomson ma. (♠); 2, F. H. V. Beazley (B); 3, D. A. Yellowlees mi. (♠). Time, 26.4 secs.

One Mile (Open).—1, W. McD. Morison (W); 2, W. W. Cheyne ma. (C); 3, P. R-H. Hastings (T). Time, 5 mins. 4.4 secs.

One Mile (Junior).—1, I. R. L. Shaw (♠); 2, D. A. Yellowlees mi. (♠); 3, D. A. Braithwaite (♠). Time, 5 mins. 43 secs.

Long Jump (Open).—1, M. P. Robinson ma. (♠); 2, P. Sherrard (♠); 3, J. G. Nicholson (♠). Distance, 20 ft. 7 ins. Record.

Long Jump (Junior).—1, J. M. Thomson ma. (♠); 2, I. R. L. Shaw (♠); 3, F. H. V. Beazley (B). Distance, 18 ft. 3 ins. Record.

Quarter Mile (Open).—1, C. A. Ashcroft (♠); 2, D. R. Foster (♠); 3, A. G. Way (B). Time, 57.6 secs.

Quarter Mile (Junior).—1, J. M. Thomson ma. (♠); 2, F. H. V. Beazley (B); 3, D. A. Yellowlees mi. (♠). Time, 63.8 secs.

Throwing the Discus (Open).—1, M. E. Bardwell (C); 2, A. R. Jennings (♠); 3, C. Wachmann (♠). Distance, 98 ft. 10 ins.

Pole Vault (Open).—1, P. Sherrard (♠); 2, J. G. Nicholson (♠). Height, 8 ft. 6 ins.

Throwing the Javelin (Open).—1, G. W. A. Keir (W); 2, R. N. Barclay ma. (C); 3, C. Wachmann (♠). Distance, 103 ft. 2 ins.



## FENCING

FENCING is one of the few sports of which it can be said that the majority of people who play at School continue to play after they have left. It seems a pity, therefore, that there are so few people fencing at Stowe. The reasons are probably the time that it takes up, the tediousness of the first few lessons, the expense, and the lack of a suitable place in which to fence. The first objection is greatly lessened by the Thursday Extras scheme, the second is true of all worth while games, and the last is eliminated by the fact that the Temple of Concord will be in use again next term. Perhaps then it would not be hoping for too much to see an increase in numbers for the Summer term.

This term fencing has been rather disorganized by 'flu and chicken-pox. We have however had one match, in which the team showed itself to be very promising. Rutherford's fencing has improved greatly. Tracy's épée has become a little less wild under the teaching of M. Wallis, who has replaced M. Perone. H. W. J. E. Peel (G) and D. E. S. Osborne (G) made satisfactory progress. Of the juniors J. A. Cutforth (S) and A. W. Cheyne (C) show promise.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WELLINGTON.

At Stowe, on March 6th. Won, 17—10.

This was a very enjoyable match with an extremely satisfactory result. Rutherford especially distinguished himself by winning all his fights; he was awarded his School Colours. Tracy did very well to win seven fights out of nine.

## Scores:—

Foil.—*Wellington*:—C. Van C. Anthony, one defeat; R. E. Howard, two defeats; F. E. Young, three defeats. Total, six defeats.

*Stowe*:—R. A. Rutherford (S), no defeat; C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats. Total, three defeats.

Épée.—*Wellington*:—C. Van C. Anthony and R. E. Howard, two defeats each; F. E. Young, three defeats. Total, seven defeats.

*Stowe*:—C. F. Tracy (W) and R. A. Rutherford (S), no defeat; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats. Total, two defeats.

Sabre.—*Wellington*:—C. Van C. Anthony and W. F. May, one defeat each; P. Lochlan, two defeats. Total, four defeats.

*Stowe*:—C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat; D. E. S. Osborne (G) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats each.

## FIVES

*v.* THE OLD WESTMINSTERS. Won, 2—1.

C. K. Simond (T) and G. F. Gomme (C) lost to T. H. S. Wylie and M. F. Porterfield, 14—15, 6—15.

R. Kee (S) and M. P. Robinson (S) beat C. H. V. McDougall and J. R. H. Chisholm, R. C. W. Dampier (T) and J. L. Rolleston (C) beat G. H. Humphries and J. O. H. E. D. Powell-Jones, 7—15, 15—9, 15—10.

*v.* THE OLD CITIZENS. Lost, 1—2.

C. K. Simond (T) and G. F. Gomme (C) lost to B. J. Garrett and L. Deacon, 9—15, 10—15, 6—15.

H. A. Mitchell (C) and M. P. Robinson (S) lost to J. H. Bale and G. W. Brown, 9—15, 12—15, 11—15.

J. L. Rolleston (C) and D. S. Mitchell (C) beat J. H. G. Leask and G. A. Wheeler, 15—11, 15—7, 15—1.

*v.* THE OLD ALDENHAMIANs. Lost, 0—2.

C. K. Simond (T) and G. F. Gomme (C) lost to J. C. Field and L. O. King, 10—15, 4—15, 8—15.

H. A. Mitchell (C) and D. S. Mitchell (C) lost to K. M. Pammenter and J. B. Dormon, 15—11, 8—15, 2—15, 7—15.

## FIVES HOUSE MATCHES

Chandos	}	Temple	}	}	Cobham (2-0); 1 match unfinished
Temple		(2-1)			
Walpole	}	Grafton	}		
Grafton		(3-0)			
Chatham	}	Chatham	}		
Grenville		(3-0)			
Bruce	}	Cobham	}		
Cobham		(3-0)			

## SQUASH

School squash matches have been played this term, for the first time in an Easter term. The team, which should have been improved by the inclusion of P. Sherrard (C) and B. D. Henry (C), both of whom could play regularly as there was no school rugger, was in fact slightly weaker, as neither A. Shaw (C) nor A. F. Tresfon (C) could play. The following played in the team:—P. Sherrard (C), D. R. Barbour (C), J. P. T. Dawson (C), B. D. Henry (C), C. K. Simond (T), R. M. M. D. Lucas (B), P. M. Syrett (C).

*Results:—*

- Sunday, February 7th *v.* WEST LONDON CLUB. Won, 3—2.  
 Saturday, February 13th *v.* ACROSTICS. Won, 3—2.  
 Saturday, February 20th *v.* TRINITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE (at Cambridge). Won, 4—1.  
 Wednesday, February 24th *v.* CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD (at Oxford). Lost, 0—5.  
 Saturday, February 27th *v.* THAMES HOUSE (in London). Lost, 2—3.  
 Saturday, March 13th *v.* ACROSTICS (in London). Won, 5—0.  
 Sunday, March 14th *v.* THAMES HOUSE. Lost, 0—5.

Cobham won the final of the House matches, beating Chatham, 3—2. Both teams were depleted by illness.

Cobham won the Junior House matches, an innovation last term, beating Walpole in the final.

The semi-final and final of the individual cup resulted as follows:—

D. R. Barbour (C)	}	A. G. Buchanan (W)	}	A Shaw (C)	
A. G. Buchanan (W)		(3—0)		}	(3—2)
A. H. P. Hope (G)	}	A Shaw (C)			}
A Shaw (C)		(3—1)			

## CRICKET FIXTURES 1937

## FIRST ELEVEN.

Wed., May 19.	} Masters	Home.
Fri., May 21.		
Sat., May 22.	—Asterisks	Home.
Wed., May 26.	—Cryptics	Home.
Sat., May 29.	—I Zingari	Home.
Thur., June 3.	—Bradfield	Home.
Sat., June 5.	—Incogniti	Home.
Wed., June 9.	} Westminster	Home.
Thur., June 10.		
Sat., June 12.	—M.C.C.	Home.
Wed., June 16.	—Authentics	Home.
Sat., June 19.	—Haileybury	Away.
Thur., June 24.	—Radley	Away.
Sat., June 26.	—Free Foresters	Home.
Sat., July 3.	—Old Stoics	Home.
Wed., July 7.	} Oundle	Kennington Oval.
Thur., July 8.		
Sat., July 10.	—Adastrians C.C.	Home.

## SECOND ELEVEN.

Sat., May 22.	—Radley	Home.
Sat., May 29.	—Haileybury	Home.
Thur., June 3.	—Bradfield	Away.
Sat., June 5.	—Harrow	Away.
Wed., June 9.	—R.A.F., Abingdon	Home.
Sat., June 12.	—Rugby	Away.
Wed., June 16.	—Metropolitan Police College	Home.
Sat., June 19.	—R.A.F., Bicester	Away.
Wed., June 23.	—St. Paul's	Home.
Sat., June 26.	—Bedford	Away.
Sat., July 3.	—Old Stoics	Home.

## THIRD ELEVEN.

Sat., May 22.	—R.A.F., Bicester	Away.
Wed., June 2.	—Buckingham Cricket Club	Home.
Sat., June 5.	—Northampton Town and County School	Away.
Wed., June 9.	—R.A.F., Abingdon	Home.
Sat., June 12.	—Radley	Away.
Wed., June 16.	—Buckingham Cricket Club	Home.
Sat., June 19.	—Bedford	Away.
Wed., June 23.	—R.A.F., Halton	Away.
Sat., June 26.	—R.A.F., Bicester	Away.
Sat., July 10.	—Northampton Town and County School	Home.

## COLTS.

Sat., May 22.—Radley	Away.
Thur., May 27.—Westminster	Away.
Thur., June 3.—Bradfield	Home.
Sat., June 5.—Oundle	Home.
Sat., June 19.—Harrow	Home.
Sat., June 26.—Rugby	Home.
Sat., July 10.—Wellington	Away.

## JUNIOR COLTS.

Sat., May 29.—Haileybury	Away.
Sat., June 12.—Radley	Home.
Wed., June 16.—The Oratory School	Away.
Sat., June 26.—Bedford	Away.
Sat., July 3.—Rugby	Away.

## O.T.C. NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term:—

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeants J. V. R. Birchall (T), J. G. Nicholson (G).

To *Sergeant*: Corporals D. D. Demarest (C), D. P. Cooper (C), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), P. E. R. English (B), M. L. Græme (T), P. C. H. Morris (G), C. P. J. D. O'Farrell (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), R. V. P. Adams (W).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals N. A. Ussher (C), J. F. Wheeler (C), R. B. McGrigor (W), P. Sherrard (C), N. S. Brown (G), A. Allan (W), E. L. Shannon (C), W. B. Banister (C), R. H. Gethin (C), J. M. Icke (C), P. L. Ingham (W), C. M. O'Rorke (C), J. O. H. Beamish (T), P. F. Low (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: M. E. Bardwell (C), J. P. T. Dawson (C), Prince Yuri Galitzine (C), R. N. Barclay (C), R. Kee (G), C. D. Earle (B), J. F. T. Duric (C), J. P. Stephens (W), R. Evans (G), H. C. I. Rome (C), H. N. Straker (C), J. L. M. Bevan (B), F. N. H. Widdrington (G), J. C. Bartholomew (C), J. G. Ratcliff (C), P. R. Westall (C), A. L. Wilson (C).

The following, in addition to those appointed Lance-Corporal, obtained Certificate "A" at the examination held in November 1936:—G. B. Cobb (W), J. Farquharson (C), G. V. L. Holbech (C).

42 Candidates were examined in Part I, Certificate "A," on February 23rd, of whom 37 passed.

46 Candidates sat for Part II on March 9th. The result will not be known until next term.

## MARCHING OUT.

Instead of a Field Day, which it proved impossible to arrange with other schools this term, the Contingent is marching out on Tuesday, March 30th, after morning school. Tactical training will be combined with practice in march discipline, and while the senior platoons go further and are put through more difficult exercises, the juniors will be tested in independent section work. This term's recruits are going to meet the Contingent coming in. The success of the afternoon depends very much on the control and initiative shown by the various commanders and the soundness of the somewhat elaborately timed programme.

## SCOUTS

Mr. Archer has, at last, returned to his fold—the Senior Troop. He was away last term, seeing the sights of the world; he has returned more efficient than ever.

The first half of the term we spent in learning to distinguish the various trees in the grounds, and also in learning to splice. During the latter part of the term we have been having instruction in First Aid, and we have also had an exam. on it. Our field day, which usually takes place this term, has been postponed until next term.

The Junior Troop has been very much handicapped by illness; not more than half the Troop has ever been present. There has therefore been no continuity in programme, but instruction has been given in signalling, knotting, tracking and First Aid.

S.E.S.

## SHOOTING

## THE RIFLE CLUB.

The membership has decreased slightly this term, but the standard of shooting has increased considerably.

The following have won spoons:—

Class "A."—R. C. Roxburgh (W) (4), R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C) (2), R. B. McGrigor (W), R. A. West (G).

Class "B."—R. A. Rutherford (G) (2), B. A. Shelmerdine (W), M. R. Wallace (C), M. C. Alexander (W), A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), P. H. Gaskell (W), A. R. Coventry (C).

## .22 SHOOTING.

A large number of people have been practising this term, but the scores for the "Country Life" competition were very disappointing. However, only one postal match out of twelve was lost.

## POSTAL MATCHES.

				<i>Result.</i>
February 6th.	Stowe 645	Glenalmond	643	Won
		Epsom	630	Won.
		Lancing	524	Won
February 17th.	Stowe 640	Radley	624	Won
February 20th.	Stowe 620	Uppingham	579	Won
February 27th.	Stowe 642	Merchiston Castle	561	Won
March 6th.	Stowe 651	University College	662	Lost
		Trent	648	Won
		Bradfield	635	Won
March 20th.	Stowe 630	St. John's	625	Won
		Hurstpierpoint	615	Won

## "COUNTRY LIFE."

## "A" TEAM.

	<i>Group</i>	<i>Rapid</i>	<i>Snap.</i>	<i>Total</i>
R. C. Roxburgh (W)	... 10	49	25	84
M. H. Franklin (C)	... 10	48	25	83
T. R. Gaskell (W)	... 10	47	25	82
R. B. McGrigor (W)	... 10	46	20	76
W. McD. Morison (W)	... 10	41	20	71
T. L. Martin (G)	... 10	46	15	71
R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)	5	38	15	58
J. S. Filleul (G)	... 0	33	10	43

## "B" TEAM.

	<i>Group</i>	<i>Rapid</i>	<i>Snap</i>	<i>Total</i>
F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	10	47	25	82
R. A. Rutherford (G)	... 10	41	25	76
R. E. W. Harland (C)	... 5	43	25	73
J. B. Kennedy (C)	... 5	48	20	73
R. Kee (G)	... 10	43	20	73
M. C. Alexander (W)	... 10	47	15	72
C. W. Bartley (G)	... 10	42	10	62
R. J. Musgrave (C)	... 5	46	20	71

## LANDSCAPE "A."

R. C. Roxburgh (W)	} 13	W. McD. Morison (W)	} 39
M. H. Franklin (C)		J. S. Filleul (G)	
T. L. Martin (G)	} 39	T. R. Gaskell (W)	} 39
R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)		M. B. Hickling (C)	

## LANDSCAPE "B."

M. C. Alexander (W)	} 16	R. A. Rutherford (G)	} 18
R. E. W. Harland (C)		R. Kee (G)	
R. J. Musgrave (C)	} 34	A. D. Walker (W)	} 37
C. W. Bartley (G)		J. B. Kennedy (C)	

## DEBATING SOCIETY

**T**HE officers of the Society this term are :—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Secretary, R. Kee (♁); ex-Secretary, R. I. K. Moncreiffe (♁); Treasurer, P. L. D. Frankenburg (♁); Librarian, D. R. Barbour (♁).

The 107th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, December 9th.

Before the Debate, the ex-Secretary, seconded by S. J. Whitwell (♁), moved that “the Treasurer give an account of the Treasury, and the Librarian of the Library, forthwith.” The President desired that notice should be given of this motion.

The House then proceeded to debate the Motion that “this House prefers a wolf in sheep’s clothing to a sheep in sheep’s clothing.”

R. I. K. MONCREIFFE (♁) (Hon. Proposer) appeared draped in a fur rug but boldly denied that he was a wolf, and indeed the House had already begun to suspect this. After declaring, in a brilliant cascade of platitudes and forced witticisms, that we had lost our sense of humour and needed some Chestertonian sheep-dog to guide us back again, he closed by uplifting his discordant voice in song.

J. B. FRANKENBURG (♁) (Hon. Opposer) came as a pleasant relief to an overwrought House. The somewhat painful clarity of his thinking formed a happy contrast to the flood of incoherence which had preceded it. Who, he asked an imaginable House, could enjoy the sight of grisled wolves gambolling in sheeps’ clothing as much as that of “little lambs skipping by their fleecy dams.”?

H. S. L. DUNDAS (W) misquoted Shakespeare’s less elegant passages with more vigour than was perhaps necessary. After an unintelligible excursion into the realms of petrol and an uninteresting anecdote about Queen Anne, he called upon an unenthusiastic House to compose a thundering pamphlet to be entitled “The first blast of the trumpet against the monstrous regiment of sheep.”

J. D. FAY (G) was characteristically crude. Bellies and even stinking cods featured largely throughout his inelegant discourse. He appealed to the seat of the House’s emotions, its intestines, and truly the O.T.C. marched on its stomach.

There also spoke : *For the Motion*, A. M. Carr-Gomm (♁), J. H. Ferguson (♁), P. Spencer Thomas (W), M. G. Fox (♁), S. J. Whitwell (♁), T. L. Dewhurst (B), R. S. Darby (♁), the Treasurer.

*Against the Motion*, P. M. Syrett (♁), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), H. L. Gilbert (T), M. L. B. Williams (W), E. N. Rolfe (B), the Secretary, the Librarian, the Vice-President, J. R. C. Elmslie (♁).

The ex-Secretary summed up.



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'Country Life'

On a division being taken there voted :

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 10	For the Motion -	22
Against	- 11	Against -	42

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 1 vote and in the Lower House by 20 votes.

The 108th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, February 10th.

Before the Debate the Secretary rose to propose a motion of which he had given notice. After an admirable speech in which he exposed the corrupt state of the Society the Secretary moved that "the Treasurer and the Librarian be each commanded to give an immediate account of their stewardship." The Treasurer moved an amendment that the motion be postponed until after the Cup Final for which he had a certain "tip." The amendment was carried by a narrow margin.

The House then proceeded to debate the Motion that "this House has no further use for politicians."

S. J. WHITWELL (C) (Hon. Proposer) after a coy little introduction about his previous performances in the Society commented with some ability on the disgustingness of politicians. He concluded by asking the House a leading question which he did not hesitate to answer himself.

The eloquence of J. D. FAY (G) (Hon. Opposer) was ruined chiefly by a remarkable lassitude. After congratulating Mr. Hore-Belisha on inspiring more music-hall gags than any man of affairs since Henry VIII, he declared of Mr. Eden that "a thing of beauty is a joy for ever," and sat down in a state of semi-coma.

N. S. BROWN (G) displayed a good reading voice and indulged in the only intelligent reasoning of the evening. The Society takes this opportunity of congratulating him upon the "Bene" which he afterwards received for this Essay.

D. R. BARBOUR (C) was mathematically unsound. Having likened the other side of the House to Guy Fawkes, he then compared them to tape-worms. After reciting a singularly pointless parody of Wordsworth, he concluded by suggesting that the other side of the House were giving up politicians for Lent.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, T. L. Dewhurst (B), H. S. L. Dundas (W), A. Shaw (C), the Vice President.

*Against the Motion*, L. T. Parsons (G), R. H. M. Spencer (W), E. N. Rolfe (B), R. H. Anstey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), J. R. C. Elmslie (C), P. M. Syrett (C), the Treasurer, the Secretary.

The Hon. Proposer summed up.

On a division being taken, there voted :

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 6	For the Motion -	3
Against	- 8	Against -	27

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 2 votes and in the Lower House by 24 votes.



The 109th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Friday, March 10th.

Before the debate, the ex-Secretary, R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) read a savage indictment of the Treasurer, prepared in the form of fourteen motions which he proposed be put before the House at once. There followed a succession of amendments and counter-amendments, and the Treasurer having escaped by one vote an ignominious expulsion from the Society for various charges of embezzlement, the House proceeded to debate the Motion that "in the opinion of this House, 'a man is in general better pleased when he hath a good dinner upon his table than when his wife talks Greek.'"

If J. R. C. ELMSLIE (C) (Hon. Proposer) had an argument, the House never discovered exactly what it was. After proving quite unnecessarily that he was not a god, he concluded in a veritable flood of incoherence.

A. SHAW (C) (Hon. Opposer) altered the motion to suit his own purposes and then failed to prove his cases. However, he regaled the House with a series of apt but inaccurate classical tags, which did much to redeem his damaged prestige.

The Secretary (R. KEE (S)) assured the House that it had no idea of what a good dinner really was. He deplored the British tendency to eat Roast Beef and delivered a spirited attack upon the cauliflower, which he declared was 'nothing but a cabbage with a college education.'

P. L. D. FRANKENBURG (C) (Treasurer) lived up to his reputation as a rather inferior Western Brother. He was convinced that the House would desire a wife of equal intelligence to itself. But where was wisdom to be found? Not indeed in him. The House agreed unanimously.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, the ex-Secretary (R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C)), H. S. L. Dundas (W), N. S. Brown (S), J. D. Fay (G), P. Spencer Thomas (W), R. H. Gethin (C), D. V. A. Sankey (B), D. Gardiner (C), T. L. Dewhurst (B).

*Against the Motion*, J. B. Frankenburg (C), M. G. T. Webster (W), the Librarian, S. J. Whitwell (C), P. Johnstone (C), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), J. Roche (T), the Vice-President.

On a division being taken there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 10	For the Motion	- 11
Against	- 11	Against	- 25

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by 1 vote, and in the Lower House by 14 votes.

The 110th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Friday, March 26th, when the Motion before the House was that "this House would rather send an expeditionary force to Spain than a cricket eleven to Australia." This debate will be reported in next term's issue of *The Stoic*.

The following have been elected members of the Society this term:—R. H. Anstey (C), M. B. Scholfield (T), R. H. Gethin (C), M. G. T. Webster (W).

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

The Committee remains the same as last term except that T. L. Dewhurst (B) has replaced F. B. Richards (T) as Librarian. We have had two meetings this term: the second, when Capt. V. A. Cazalet addressed the Branch, will be reported in next term's *Stoic*. A report of Mons. G. A. L. Poteau's paper last term is given below.

On Monday, December 7th, Mons. G. A. L. Poteau read a paper on "The League from the Frenchman's point of view."

M. Poteau began by explaining France's position during the Italo-Abyssinian affair, and the general French opinion of England's interest. It was difficult for Frenchmen to understand the sincerity of England's belief in the League. Only an exchange of culture and intellect between nations could make that feeling world-wide. The stumbling block so far had been the Versailles treaty, which had in the end broken up the Briand-Stresemann entente; also Briand's phrase 'We must learn to talk European' fell on the ears of Frenchmen who had not yet forgotten the horrors of the last war. The average Englishman did not realize the strength of French feeling, especially in the North, about Germany. However, the youth of France was learning wisdom, and rejecting the idea of a League of victors; so that it might be hoped that the Franco-German problem, the greatest obstacle to permanent peace, might be solved.

P.M.S.

On Friday, March 5th, a committee, consisting of the Secretary, S. J. Whitwell (C) and H. S. L. Dundas (W), reported on the Spanish situation.

The Secretary, speaking from the European point of view, began with a brief summary of Spanish history since the Great War. Spain has had a comparatively smooth path since the War, but she is now placed in the same position as Abyssinia was a year ago. Europe is indifferent to her. The Fascist and Communist elements on either side have been grossly exaggerated. Italy has her eyes on the Balearic Islands; and Germany, desirous of rewarding Mussolini for his help in the Austrian move of last July, is eager for Morocco and Spanish trading rights. Britain's policy should not be to join the Franco-Soviet group, as this would harden the opposite German-Italian-Japanese group, which at the moment is precarious. Full use of Article 19 and attempts to recall Germany to Geneva should be the League's policy. He concluded by reading an article by Señor Madariaga.

S. J. Whitwell (C), speaking for the insurgents, explained the complexity of the situation. No one could plead neutral with impunity in Spain. The army officers, landowners and royalists composed the rebel army. The Left Government had done nothing for the army officers, a class not strong numerically but with much influence. The speaker did not deny the presence of numbers of foreigners or certain atrocities for which Franco was not responsible. The facts had to be faced. Franco fought for all that Spaniards loved, possessions, rights and religion. The rebels know the dangers of Communism. All Spain's proletarian dream has been disillusioned.

H. S. L. Dundas (W), defending the Madrid Government, asked his audience to dissociate Communism from the Government cause. The rebels have made reform impossible. Propaganda in the papers must be disbelieved. Franco was aided by

40,000 foreigners, Madrid by 15,000. When one Russian volunteer ship was found, the outcry against intervention arose. In such a way was public opinion in Europe biased. Franco's army consists of mostly foreign Fascists. If he wins, his only policy is to establish by force a Fascism universally loathed by all Spain. A Government victory would enhance its prestige and Spain could recuperate and reform under a peaceful rule.

A discussion followed conspicuous for the irrelevancies of R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) and the composure of H. S. L. Dundas (W) when under a continual fire from a very rebel M. L. B. Williams (W).

T.L.D.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### THE ART CLUB.

The success of this term's meetings seems an indication that the Art Club has sprung up with renewed vigour. In the first of the three-weekly sketch competitions, which have been started this term, there were no less than seventeen entries; the subject was "Theatre," and, as a result of the ballot vote of all members, J. M. English (B) won the prize. "Solitude" was chosen as the subject for the next competition.

An attempt has been made to dispel the inherent gloom of the club-room. Several reading lamps, a desk and chair and writing materials have added to the comfort and utility of the room; drawing materials are also to be kept there. Next term, if finances allow, cretonne covers will be put on the arm-chairs and sofa.

It is to be hoped that the interest shown by members in the activities of the Club will continue. Next term an expedition will be arranged to Windsor Castle, where amongst other things there is the unique and world-famous collection of Holbein drawings.

E. H. S. Rendall (T) has been elected an Honorary Member of the Club; he has been of great help as a carpenter for the improvements in the Club Room.

E.N.R.

### THE PUPPET CLUB.

Puppets, or Marionettes as those operated with strings are usually called, have always been popular on the Continent: large crowds always gather to watch the Guignol in the Champs Elysées; the Munich and Dresden puppets are world-famous. In England this difficult art, superseded in popular favour by the stage and cinema, still survives in the Punch and Judy shows, but is usually despicably associated with children's parties. During the last few years, however, the lack of interest, or of imagination perhaps, seems to have lessened, and tours by foreign companies, as was shown by Harro Siegel's visit to Stowe, have met with considerable success.

The Stowe Puppet Club, started a year ago, has met with the vicissitudes and false starts which inevitably accompany an undertaking so new and so complicated. Aspersions have been cast on the length of time which has elapsed before a public performance; but the difficulties which have had to be overcome cannot be exaggerated: not only has the entire theatre been equipped, for only the barest shell was bought to start with, but a programme has been devised, scenery constructed and, most difficult and important, puppets made; the time spent in rehearsals is necessarily considerable. The lighting system is remarkable, the theatre being equipped with a cyclorama, spotlights, floods and dimmers. Puppet stages are usually portable, which renders the installation of such a large amount of apparatus impossible.

Those who gibe at the procrastination of the Puppet Club were (we hope) in part satisfied on Sports Day, when extracts from the "Puppet Parade of 1937" were played throughout the afternoon. The "Parade" itself, it is hoped, will prove a Coronation attraction early next term.

Very special thanks must be given to Mr. and Mrs. Watt for their unfailing help and advice, and to the Headmaster who has solved many a knotty problem by having a door made between the theatre and the work-room.

E.N.R.

### THE TWELVE CLUB.

Two meetings have been held this term:—

At the first, on Friday, February 12th, N. S. Brown (S) read a paper on "Gauguin." At the second, on Monday, March 8th, J. D. Fay (G) read a paper on "George IV."

D.D.D.

### THE HERETICS.

Owing to the deplorable but skilful incompetence of the Secretary, the Heretics have so far avoided a meeting. But it is to be hoped that D. R. Barbour (C) will read his celebrated paper on "G. K. Chesterton" later in the term.

R.I.K.M.

### THE MODERN PLAY-READING SOCIETY.

It is hoped that a meeting will be held later in the term. This will be reported in next term's *Stoic*.

D.D.D.

### THE FILM SOCIETY.

The Society has had two meetings this term, the first one on February 24th, when we saw *Der Student von Prag*, and the second on March 10th, when we saw *Marchand d'Amour*.

*Der Student von Prag* is the story of a young student (taken by Adolf Wohlbrück) who sells his reflection to the Devil. The story is primarily of the 'horror' type, but the treatment was so clever that our interest was held not so much by the horror of the film, but more by the development of the story and by the various situations in which the young student finds himself.

*Marchand d'Amour* was, on the whole, a good film, but its ending was very weak—the hero drinks a deadly poison, but at the eleventh hour an antidote is found which saves him.

The films last term were: *Episode*, with Paula Wessely, *Hobe Schule*, and *Bonne Chance*, with Sacha Guitry.

S.E.S.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

The 64th meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, February 16th, in the New Lecture room, when K. J. S. Ritchie (T) read a paper with some excellent slides on "Roman Britain." There is one new member of the Society this term, P. D. Colt (G).

K.J.S.R.

## THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY.

Ce trimestre, la Société a accueilli quatre membres nouveaux, E. A. Bonvalot (G), R. C. W. Dampier (T), the Hon. H. M. Ritchie (B) et E. L. Shannon (C).

M. Potcau a eu la bonté d'assister encore à la lecture de deux comédies françaises, "Le Médecin malgré lui" de Molière, et "Il ne faut jurer de rien" d'Alfred de Musset. Nous avons aussi lu "El Lobo," drame espagnol par María Fernández de Laguna, première pièce espagnole que la Société ait jamais lue.

G. L. LE B.

## THE NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The chief activity of the society this term has been the preparation of exhibits for the exhibition which was held on Sports Day.

At the only meeting of the term Professor A. W. Nash lectured to us on the British Petroleum Industry and the prospects in it. The lecture was technically interesting and provoked much discussion.

P.H.

## THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Three meetings have been held, at the second of which the Secretary read a paper on "Dinosaurs." The third meeting was in company with certain science sets and the occasion of Prof. W. Garstang's very instructive lecture on "Life in the Sea."

Prof. Hale Carpenter, Hope Professor of Zoology in the University of Oxford, conducted members round the results of his work on insect coloration when an expedition was made to Oxford on February 24th. We also made a successful trip to Whipsnade on March 10th.

R.H.G.

## THE CHESS CLUB.

The Club has continued to function this term at 5.15 p.m. on Saturdays. Twelve members entered the competition for the chess cup (at present held by F. J. L. Platt (C)), and though illness has interfered somewhat with the playing of the various rounds, it is hoped that before the term finishes it will be known whether D. R. Barbour (C), J. O. Outwater (C), or J. E. Richardson (C) will hold the cup during the next year.

R.W.

## THE RIDING CLUB.

The activities of the Riding Club have been somewhat marred this term by unfavourable weather. An expedition to Weedon has had to be cancelled. A party of over forty people was, however, sent to the Bicester Point-to-Point on March 6th. Lessons that were to have been given by Captain Meredith had to be postponed till next term on account of the reorganization of the College of Horsemanship.

R.N.B.

J.M.L.

## THE BADMINTON CLUB.

This term the membership has increased considerably, to twenty-four. Two matches were played last term: one against an Oxford University team, raised by R. O. M. Williams, late of Walpole; the other against Buckingham. Both of these were lost.

The first match this term, against Buckingham, was lost 4—5; but we succeeded in winning the second 4—2. A third match has been fixed for March 27th.

The House Matches this term were won by Chatham, who beat Cobham in the final by 12 points to nil. The Cup was previously held by Walpole.

It has been decided that, contrary to last summer's arrangements, the club will function as usual next term.

C.M.O'R.

## THE WORKSHOPS

There are more members in the metal shop this term than ever before: it is bad luck on those members, for Mr. Couchman has been indisposed with influenza for half of the term.

Thursday afternoon has been a great success from the point of view of the Workshops. It has not only increased the number of members of the shops, but it has stimulated interest in both metal and wood work as well as giving boys more opportunity to get articles finished for the Competition which took place on March 20th.

The Workshop Expedition on March 10th went to Messrs. Groom and Tattersall, of Towcester. It was much appreciated by the boys, who probably enjoyed the iron foundry as much as anything else. On the whole it was a thoroughly interesting and instructive afternoon.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Morris for carrying on so nobly in the absence of both Mr. Couchman and his son.

D.I.B.

## MUSIC

Illness has caused havoc in all the musical activities this term. The Choral Society and Orchestra have been badly affected, while the Madrigal Society has not had a fully attended meeting throughout the term.

There have been no Subscription Concerts this term.

The Choral Society has done some good work on four choruses from Brahms' Requiem together with the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah.

The Orchestra has tackled the whole of Beethoven's Eighth Symphony, and hopes to perform it on March 24th.

A unique event has been the performance of music composed and conducted by a member of the School. E. A. Bonvalot's (G) Suite for Orchestra shows signs of notable promise, and we shall watch his future with great interest.

Mr. Snowdon has carried on his Sunday Concerts before an appreciative audience.

A String practice has been inaugurated on Thursday afternoons for as many of the String players as possible. The average attendance has been about twelve players, enough to procure a good ensemble. Music of all sorts has been rehearsed and we hope that the School String Players will obtain real benefit from the practices.

### THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

Only one meeting has been held so far this term. On February 24th a concert was given by Miss Edith Churton (cello) and Mr. Snowdon (piano).

Any further meetings will be reported in next term's *Stoic*.

P.E.R.E.

### THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

For a long time this term the Society has been sadly depleted in numbers owing to the ravages of disease, but in spite of this "How lovely are thy dwellings fair," a chorus with treble solo from Brahms' Requiem, has been practised for the concert in Chapel on Easter Eve.

K.J.S.R.

## ENTERTAINMENTS

### BULLDOG DRUMMOND.

On Wednesday, December 16th, a finished performance of a melodrama in four acts, entitled "Bulldog Drummond," was given in the gymnasium by Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Miss Williams and some members of the school.

The play, besides being thrilling, was in parts most amusing. The comedy was largely supplied by J. R. S. Peploe (C) and A. H. P. Hope (G); there was also one short comic scene by Mr. Allison, in the otherwise sinister role of Dr. Lakington, which showed the doctor innocently discharging his various duties under the sharp eyes of

Silas Hocking, an American detective. Much smashing of glass in Lakington's laboratory behind the scenes enhanced a realistic struggle between him and Hugh Drummond, portrayed by M. E. Bardwell (C). Carl Peterson, perhaps, was not quite convincing at times, but he rightly showed himself less of a villain than Lakington. The female characters, Irma Peterson and Phyllis Benton, were well interpreted by Mrs. Allison and Miss Williams respectively, and provided a striking contrast. The climax of the play seemed to come when Dr. Lakington deftly threw the contents of his wine-glass in Drummond's face and vigorously hurled the glass into the fireplace.

The lighting effects were good, and Mr. Tallent deserves particular praise for the make-up, which was excellent. In the intervals, modern music was provided by the Stowe Swingers.

N. B. Robinson (T) is to be congratulated on his skilful and masterly production of the play.

G. L. LE B.

### THE STOWE SHOW.

This year's performance broke no fresh ground, and it was perhaps difficult for the hard working organizers to excel or even rival their great success of the preceding year.

Charity performances are always subject to sudden and rather disappointing changes in their programme, and this proved no exception, although our feelings were very cleverly unruffled by the Compère, Naunton Wayne, who gave the show an excellent send-off.

The next outstanding item was the appearance of the Western Brothers, both later and funnier than we had expected. They entertained us with some new lyrics which seemed as usual to evade the law of libel with surprising dexterity, and which showed by their reception how much enjoyment these old favourites can still inspire into their audience.

Mr. Arthur Marshall was one more of last year's visitors who again proved very popular in his "multum in parvo" skits. Other high lights in the evening were the performances of Miss Lea Seidl, who instilled into some light German songs all her usual charm, and of Miss Eda Peel, who sang two numbers from the music written for a London show at the Gate theatre by Mr. Geoffrey Wright, an old Graftonian, in which she was accompanied by the composer. This formed the only link with Stowe, and it is hoped that there will always be at least one.

The Duke of York's theatre was well filled, but there seemed to be a singular lack of boys from the School, the audience consisting chiefly of parents and Old Stoics. Is this lack of response to the several appeals on its behalf entirely due to other engagements and inconvenient trains? Even if this show were not an excellent entertainment in itself there would be ample reason for supporting its cause.

E.A.B.

### FILMS.

The following films have been shown this term: "The Scarlet Pimpernel," "Cardinal Richelieu," "Escape me Never," "The Ghost Goes West," "The Amateur Gentleman," "False Face," "The Melody Lingers On," "Forget Me Not," "David Copperfield," "The Bishop's Misadventures."

## THE MAN IN THE MOON

## SONNET

When other men, worn out with work and play,  
 Drag their tired footsteps to hard-won repose ;  
 When chill, grey night replaces lively day ;  
 When shops and flowers, banks and museums close ;  
 Then o'er a sleeping world thou dost arise,  
 With pallid splendour radiant thy face,  
 Thy mouth for ever open in surprise,  
 Thy shadow-hidden eyes regarding space.  
 For thou alone, though man, art not of earth—  
 The lover's and the madman's beacon light ;  
 For who doth know the secret of thy birth  
 Save lovers, or a lunatic, at night ?—  
 Who would dispute the power of one so old,  
 O lonely man, so far away, so cold ?

S.J.W.

## THE MAN IN THE MOON

## (BRIGHTON VERSION)

I mean to say, dash it all, don't you know, what ?  
 The Man in the Moon ? Very jolly ? What rot !  
 The kind of a sort of idea, don't you know,  
 That's enough for those fellows who thrive in Soho.  
 Poor ignorant blighters, they think it's all true—  
 Well, it's all right for them, but for us it won't do.  
 Now look here, how could you believe in a face ?—  
 The Moon, dash it all, is, well, hardly the place—  
 I can't quite explain, but you know what I mean—  
 Besides, I defy you to prove it's been seen.  
 Look facts in the face, and you'll see very soon  
 There's no such dashed thing as the Man in the Moon.

R.I.K.M.

(*Author's Note* : I have a feeling this doesn't fulfil all the rules of sonnets.)

## RUSSBOROUGH AND STOWE

It is interesting to note the remarkable likeness between Stowe and Russborough, Co. Wicklow. There appears to be no definite connection between the two buildings, for Stowe was finished in 1779, with Robert Adam as its final architect, whereas Russborough was built by about 1752, its architect being Richard Castle.

The great outburst of architectural display in Ireland throughout the eighteenth century was not merely an aesthetic event ; it was also a social and economic one. The rebellions of the previous century had wasted the resources of the country and kept building at a standstill ; at the end of the century waste lands remained uncultivated, rents were low, and landlords had not the means, even if they had the inclination, to house themselves in mansions worthy of their rank. It is for this reason that Ireland lacks fine buildings similar to those of the Elizabethan and Jacobean period in England : it can claim no Hatfield, no Burghley, no Audley End.

But following the Battle of the Boyne (1690), there was throughout Ireland for the space of about ninety years the most absolute tranquillity. And along with tranquillity came prosperity ; if not for the peasants, at least for the landowners, who vied, one with another, in lavish expenditure on building and decoration.

Georgian architecture in Ireland can be divided into two periods. There was, firstly, the period which begins with the arrival in Ireland of the architect Richard Castle, about 1725, and which is primarily associated with his name. The second period dates from about 1775, when the influence of Robert Adam first showed itself in Ireland, and ends soon after the passing of the act of union in 1800. It should be remarked, however, that neither of the Adam brothers is known to have ever visited Ireland.

At the time of Castle's arrival, Ireland was almost virgin soil so far as building was concerned. A few houses, mostly in brick and reflecting the English Charles II style, existed, and a version of Queen Anne is reflected by the design of Castletown, begun in 1720. Under Castle's influence there was evolved a form of classical architecture, modelled on the principles of Palladio. The Irish mansion of the Castle period is remarkable for its long and imposing front, usually consisting of a centre block, with concave curtain-walls adorned with pilasters, which lead to pavilions at both wings. Another characteristic of the Early Georgian house is its lavish internal decoration, generally in the baroque or rococo style. In this respect, also, Irish followed contemporary decoration in Germany and Italy, which was bold, baroque, and in high relief.

In 1741 Joseph Leeson inherited the wealth of his father, an opulent Dublin brewer. The same year he purchased from John Graydon considerable landed property in County Wicklow, including the townlands of Russellsborough, now by contraction known as Russborough. The architect he commissioned was the celebrated Richard Castle, who seems to have been assisted in his plans by David Bindon.

Russborough, situated close to Blessington in County Wicklow, lies about twenty miles to the south of Dublin. Two miles to the south of Blessington are the entrance gates to the extensive and well-wooded demesne of Russborough. The principal features of Russborough are its great length and the stateliness of the colonnades. As seen from the lawns in front, the effect is one of great elegance and dignity.

The interior of the house is, if possible, even more elegantly decorated than is the exterior. The wall decorations exhibit the richest rococo that can be conceived.

Russborough survived the Rebellion of 1798, although it was for a long time in the occupation of the rebels. On their retreat the house was used as a barrack by the English forces. From the former it suffered no injury whatever; but the King's troops during their stay did serious damage to the many works of art with which the house was then filled.

Russborough is now the seat of Captain Denis Daly.

S.E.S.

(Photographs opposite p. 277.)

## THE ROMANTICS' LAST MASS

"The True, the Good, the Beautiful,  
Those are the things that pay."—*Lewis Carroll.*

"Vous avez drivé devilish slow," said Lytton Strachey's grandfather to a French cab-driver clamouring for a tip. The superb insolence of this remark makes it worthy of a pirate of Bluebeard's reputation or even of such a literary buccancer as Samuel Johnson. If corpses can turn in graves, a minor earthquake would have occurred among Victorian cemeteries this century. The Victorians could never have foreseen the ribald light in which they would appear to posterity. If they thought about it at all, they must have visualized comparison with the Elizabethans, or a sort of ultra-romantic conception which is a cross between King Arthur and Don Juan. They expected, nay invited, admiring disapproval and every kind of shocked censure: the Naughty Nineties, the Daring of Darwin, Ouida and Oscar Wilde, they believed would be the high-lights of an epoch noted for its courageous revolt against authority. Were not the classical idols, the Colossi of the Age of Reason, torn for the first time from their pedestals? Did not Macaulay condescend to Pope, and put the creature in his right niche—that of a poetaster—instead of bending the knee in servile flattery?

The misunderstanding lies in a difference of values. To the Victorians nothing could be more risqué than Ouida, more shocking than "Q," more terrifying than atheism. We compare them with our own incredible century and forget to what extent their age was a rebellion. It was the age of Romantic revolt against the conventions of the eighteenth century—in reality a far stricter and more common-place age. We forget that the giants who professed atheism had been brought up on a strict diet of brimstone and treacle to keep the thought of hell-fire ever before their eyes. The revolt, however, was not a revolt of thought but the rising of the heart against the head. Not even the birch of Dr. Keate could keep Shelley in subjection; Swinburne translated Villon, and Rossetti wrote a poem about a woman of the streets; the heroic couplet was almost entirely forsaken. The intricacy of the classical poets was an intricacy of thought. Metre was lucid and stereotyped. Language was simple.

Pope was exquisitely clear, even when he was screaming vituperation; when he was ponderous, he was carefully and harmoniously heavy:

"Thy hand, Great Anarch, lets the curtain fall,  
And Universal Darkness buries All."

Browning, however, commanded respect more for his insouciance than for his actual content. He threw off the stays of metre and let his poems wander in open-necked collars for the first time in literature. Lewis Carroll describes his method:

"First you write a sentence  
And then you chop it small,  
And sort the bits and deal them out  
Wherever they may fall.  
The order of the phrases makes  
No difference at all."

Besides his complexity, which was careless rather than intentional, and had its origin in a refusal to imitate Pope's painstaking repolish, Browning introduced other revolutionary elements into poetry. He dropped common or garden words here and there, prosaic names like Smith and Jones, hints of bathos in the form of a mention of household utensils. Perhaps it is this air of *négligé* which has compromised the Victorians in our eyes. The Age of Reason was an age of corsets and wigs, padding and paint. Even its boudoirs were carefully-laid stages and the women spent nearly three hours each day preparing themselves for social life. Life was, with them, a ritual which had its origins in Versailles. For the Victorians life was a long Bank-Holiday: an affair of oranges and intimacies and cosy fire-sides at which to toast the stockinged feet.

Their faults were the faults of all Romantics, the faults which are usually condoned. They could not see themselves except through spectacles couleur de rose and they had no sense of humour. What appears most ludicrous to us were the things which seemed to them most exotic. The aspidistra was a plant which came from the East and carried with it an aroma of harems. The Gothic architecture and dark furniture and tapestries were sombre settings for scenes of mediaeval adventure. The bizarre moustachios, beards, and dundrearies were the accessories of the Corsair and heightened the effect of a rolling eye and a pallid complexion. Classical writers have a clear vision. They are supremely tough-minded and dry: the Classical outlook makes for wit and scepticism. Humour is, however, fatal to the Romantics. Baudelaire believed laughter to be diabolic and the only thing that he could not bear was the "*ricanement intérieur*." The Victorians could not afford to be amused. Towards the end of the century a few moderns, who had been born too early, realized that they had round them heaven-sent material for satire. Whistler and Max Beerbohm found full-stocked preserves which had scarcely been shot over before. "*The Gentle Art of Making Enemies*" is the record of a bag unprecedented among practical-jokers. It heralds the coming of more and more explorers delighted to discover such easy game. Meanwhile,

"Unconscious of their fate, the little victims played."

One feels sorry for them. Oscar Wilde's social ostracism had its basis in his gibes. If it were not for his paradoxes, for "*The Importance of Being Ernest*" and Lord Henry's unanswerable quips, he might have retired to a distinguished and honourable exile, like that of Byron. Homosexuality, like incest, could have been overlooked.



What the Victorians could not forget was the malicious reminders that their revolt had fizzled out. "Being natural," said Lord Henry, "is a pose and the most irritating pose I know." This disconcerted a generation which was natural to the point of artificiality. "Lack of humour," said Lord Henry again, "is Man's original sin. If there had been more humour in the world, most of the mistakes would never have been committed." Samuel Butler tolled the knell of the age with peal after peal of laughter.

We still have profound admiration for Blake and Byron, although the early Romantics possessed the same faults as the Victorians. The reason for this is that they were genuine rebels who carried out their tenets and lived in entire consistence with their creeds. Byron travelled in the East and swam the Hellespont; he drank out of a skull and fought in the Greek revolt; his "liaisons" were really "dangereuses"; his immorality was not imaginary. Shelley put his theories of free love into practice; he flaunted authority and left home without a penny; he floated to his death in the Bay of Naples with a copy of Aeschylus in his pocket. Trelawney was a pirate in reality as well as in imagination, and Keats coughed the authentic vermilion in Rome. The Victorians, and especially the later Victorians, were too prosperous to be convincing rebels. Revolt without oppression is meaningless. And the essential ridiculousness of the Victorians lies in the difference between what they thought and what they did; for the true myth of Victorianism is not, as is now often maintained, the legends which we have built up about them but the fairy-tale they created for themselves. Theirs was a compromise between Romance and domestic bliss. Passion was tempered to gentlemanly affection. Browning restored the honour of the lady with whom he eloped. Competition in the financial world inspired Darwin to his theory of Natural Selection as the basis of evolution in the animal kingdom. Romance was relegated to bringing up the nine-fifteen.

D.D.D.

## LATIN EPIGRAM

(Awarded Sir William Browne's Medal at Cambridge.)

Pisonem puerum nandi pater ipse peritus  
 Findere bracchiolis instituit latices.  
 Quotquot eunt luces, juvenis jam balnea lustrat :  
 Quotquot eunt, jam vir vertice pulsat aquas.  
 Fit sitis. Arescunt subductis balnea lymphis.  
 Desiliens pulsat vertice Piso cavum.

B.J.R.M.

## CHARITY

The way that the modern world thinks in terms of three must delight the soul of Giraldus Cambrensis and all loyal Oxonians. The more enlightened ideals of Liberty, Fraternity and Equality which superseded the seventeenth century three musketeer complex resolved into two distinct movements—the one ending in top-floor studios in Chelsea and the other, less extreme, being run to earth in the withdrawing room of Mrs. Gladstone—and eventually gave way to the naughty nineties, represented by the Turf, the Tote and the Tables. Now that the sport of Kings has lost its exclusiveness, polite society has rediscovered the three great virtues.

Faith, Hope and Charity have returned to the human mind, but only the last has ever been conspicuously lacking. The antiquity of the Irish sweepstake proves the eternity of Hope: the career of a Bottomley shows how lasting has been the gullibility of the public. Only Charity is new to society. Formerly, the furtive purchase of a primrose on April 19th was the extent of public Charity. Now every flower in the seedsman's catalogue has been turned to good account. Every dog has his day: Charity has every year some three or four calendar months.

Nor does the movement remain horticultural. The third virtue is made the excuse for all manner of dancing, first nights and football matches; while, more sincere though less exotic, broadcast appeals and letters to the press have become daily features of our life. "Tell your banker," is the cry. Re-echoed down the gilded corridors of lady patriots and motor-magnates, at last it reaches the cramped respectability of the suburbs. The comfortable sheep pay up and frame the receipts. Dr. Barnado was born a century too late: all the world is following the charitable example of its betters. For the mass of mankind, Charity begins in the homes of the famous.

J.D.F.

## THE SHADE OF GALILEO

Though what I knew is now confirmed,  
 Though I am held in honour still;  
 They did not hear me while I lived,  
 But tried, by force, the truth to kill.

G. L. LE B.

## GENERAL PAPER

(Time Allowed—One Hour.)

Who was : 1. "The Mother of God"? 2. "The beloved physician"? 3. "A citizen of no mean city"? 4. "The son of consolation"? 5. "The disciple whom Jesus loved"?

From those here given, allot the appropriate dates to the names which follow : 2900 B.C., 700 B.C., 560 B.C., 60 B.C., A.D. 40 6. Caligula. 7. Cheops. 8. Croesus. 9. Cicero. 10. Sennacherib.

11. Which of the following are needed for long distance photography—X-rays, ultra-violet rays, infra-red rays, cosmic rays, sting rays?

12. The Appleton layer is a breed of hen, a fruit tree, part of the atmosphere, a kind of electroplating, part of the earth's crust. Which?

13. The new telescope at Mt. Wilson has a 200-inch power, muzzle, breach-block, lens, mirror, prism. Which?

14. Which of the following is very poisonous—carbonic acid, sucrose, lime water, oxalic acid, lime juice, citric acid, glucose?

15. Which of the planets has rings round it?

Which of the following authorities—*Bradshaw, de Brett, Baedeker, Beeton, Crockford*—would you ask for in a public library if you wanted to find out : 16. The height of the Matterhorn? 17. How to make an apple-pie? 18. Whether there is a restaurant car on the 12.5 from Euston? 19. The address of the Dean of St. Paul's? 20. The christian names of the Duke of Norfolk?

One word in each of the following quotations is wrong. You are invited to substitute the correct word. 21. "They wept like anything to see such quantities of corks." 22. "A host of golden paroquets, beside the lake, beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze." 23. "There's such austerity doth hedge a king, that treason can but peep to what it would." 24. "There was a sound of devilry by night." 25. "If you can keep your purse when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you."

Who wrote : 26. "On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer"? 27. Two Gentlemen of Verona? 28. Three Men in a Boat? 29. The Four Just Men? 30. Anna of the Five Towns?

For what birds, animals, or flowers are the following the popular names? 31. Flittermouse. 32. Old Man's Beard. 33. Tommy Brock. 34. Mother Cary's Chickens. 35. Heartsease, or Kiss Behind the Garden Gate.

What island, or islands : 36. Was the largest before Australia was discovered? 37. Has a House of Keys? 38. Ultimately became the home of Christian and the mutineers in the Bounty? 39. Bear the same name as one of the houses at Stowe? 40. Lie between Iceland and the Shetlands?

What Government or Public Office deals with : 41. Seats for the Coronation? 42. New Inventions? 43. Printing of White Papers? 44. Lighthouses? 45. Prisons?

What eminent English statesmen or kings are historically associated with the following : 46. Turnip? 47. Oakapple? 48. Primrose? 49. Bauble? 50. Fork?

51—55. Put a cross against those five of the following terms which denote methods of making pictures : Agnostic, Drypoint, Aquavita, Temporal, Mezzo Soprano, Aquaplane, Mezzanine, Encaustic, Tempera, Petit Point, Aqueduct, Mezzotint, Acrostic, Tympani, Aquatint, Acoustic, Silly Point.

Allot the terms *strings, woodwind, percussion, brass* to the following instruments. 56. Harp. 57. Bassoon. 58. Horn. 59. Double bass.

60. Which of the following is a musical instrument—Gemshorn, Capricorn, Short-horn, English Horn, Trader Horn?

61. What is the highest mountain which has been climbed to the summit by man?

62. What mountains "sweep down to the sea"?

63. What mountains are known as "the Roof of the World"?

64. In what mountains is the source of the Danube?

65. On what mountain did the Ark settle?

66. Which of the following wrote "The Origin of Species"?—John Bunyan, Aristotle, Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, Harpo Marx?

67. Which of the following was responsible for the binomial system of nomenclature—Isaac Newton, Isaac Walton, Jerome K. Jerome, Linnaeus, Copernicus?

68. Leguminosae is the name for—a vegetable soup, a sea-weed, a kind of butterfly, a sorrowful dirge, a family of flowering plants?

69. Sinanthropus is—a Chinese lantern, a trigonometrical ratio, prehistoric man, the cavity below the cheek bone, a mustard plaster?

70. If a pole is placed upright in the ground at Stowe, in which direction does the shadow point at noon?

The following are reputed to be the dying words of eminent people. Whose? 71. "Don't let poor Nelly starve." 72. "Shoot, Walter, in the Devil's name." 73. "Et tu, Brute." 74. "You will find the word Calais written on my heart." 75. "I shall hear in Heaven."

76. Which of the following do you associate with the development of television—Briand, Byrd, Braid, Baird, Bede?

77. What three letters would you dial on an automatic telephone to be told the time?

78. Which of the following titles should you use in announcing the Archbishop of Canterbury at a party—His Eminence, His Highness, The Right Honourable, His Grace, His Lordship, His Worship?

79. Who is the chief conductor of the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra?

80. Is Alcazar the name of an actress, an enchantress, a fortress, an empress, or a head-dress?

With which of these localities—*Paris, Bayreuth, Lago di Garda, Arlberg, The Hague*—do you connect the following: 81. Winter Sports? 82. Richard Wagner? 83. Gabriele d'Annunzio? 84. L'Hôtel des Invalides? 85. Court of International Law?

86. Which of the following is used to produce red illuminated signs—chlorine, acetylene, neon, xenon, siphon, radon, oxygen?

87. The Queen Mary is propelled by electric motors, dynamos, petrol engines, internal combustion engines, Diesel engines, turbines. Which?

88. What is the next number in this series—0, 3, 8, 15, 24, 35, 48?

89. What does a sailor call the righthand side of the ship looking towards the sharp end?

90. What does an Italian call Mussolini?

From the following list—*opera, painting, novel, statue, play*—put the appropriate description against: 91. La Gioconda. 92. Venus of Milo. 93. The Frogs. 94. The Three Musketeers. 95. The Magic Flute.

96. When one head of a hydra was cut off it grew ten new ones. A hydra began with 100 heads and finished with 1540. How many heads were cut off?

97. If you hear the parson say, "Hymn number three hundred and f . . .", how many possibilities are there as to his meaning?

98. There are 17 houses in a school. How many house-matches must be played on the knock-out system (no match resulting in a tie) before the conventional cup can be awarded?

99. I have twelve white socks and twelve black in a drawer. If I pull out socks without looking at them, how many must I pull out before I am certain to have a pair of the same colour to put on?

100. I said to a boy, "Think of a number. Double it. Add twelve. Halve it. Take away the number you first thought of." He did so correctly. What was the result?

## ANSWERS TO THE GENERAL PAPER

1. Blessed Virgin Mary. 2. Luke. 3. Saul, St. Paul. 4. Barnabas. 5. John.
6. A.D. 40 7. 2900 B.C. 8. 560 B.C. 9. 60 B.C. 10. 700 B.C.
11. Infra-red rays. 12. Part of the atmosphere. 13. Mirror. 14. Oxalic acid. 15. Saturn.
16. Baedeker. 17. Beeton. 18. Bradshaw. 19. Crockford. 20. de Brett.
21. Sand. 22. Daffodils. 23. Divinity. 24. Revelry. 25. Head.
26. Keats. 27. Shakespeare. 28. Jerome. 29. Wallace. 30. Bennett.
31. Bat. 32. Clematis, Traveller's Joy. 33. Badger. 34. Petrel. 35. Pansy, Viola.
36. Australia. 37. Man. 38. Pitcairn. 39. Chatham. 40. Faroes.
41. Office of Works. 42. Patent Office. 43. Stationery Office. 44. Trinity House. 45. Home Office.
46. Townshend. 47. Charles II. 48. Disraeli, Beaconsfield. 49. Cromwell. 50. Morton.
- 51—55. Drypoint, Encaustic, Tempera, Mezzotint, Aquatint.
56. Percussion. 57. Woodwind. 58. Brass. 59. Strings. 60. English Horn.
61. Nanda Devi. 62. Mourne. 63. Pamirs. 64. Schwarzwald, Black Forest. 65. Ararat.
66. Darwin. 67. Linnaeus. 68. Flowering Plant. 69. Prehistoric Man. 70. North.
71. Charles II. 72. William II, Rufus. 73. Julius Caesar. 74. Mary Tudor. 75. Beethoven.
76. Baird. 77. TIM. 78. His Grace. 79. Sir Adrian Boult. 80. Fortress.
81. Arlberg. 82. Bayreuth. 83. Lago di Garda. 84. Paris. 85. The Hague.
86. Neon. 87. Turbines. 88. 63. 89. Starboard. 90. Duce.
91. Painting. 92. Statue. 93. Play. 94. Novel. 95. Opera.
96. 160. 97. 24. 98. 16. 99. 3. 100. 6.

## LATE NEWS

### ART EXHIBITION (March 20th, 1937).

The Headmaster's Prize was awarded to S. Birch (W).

For Art:—1st prize, I. E. T. Jenkin (C).

2nd prize, D. D. Demarest (C).

3rd prize, R. I. Fraser (C).

Highly Commended, J. A. Barclay (C); B. H. G. Sparrow (W); E. N. Rolfe (B); D. H. Villiers (B); D. Q. Chalmers (B); A. G. E. Howard (C); R. N. C. Knight Bruce (C); A. D. Tennyson (C).

For Sculpture:—1st prize, S. Barclay (C).

Highly Commended, R. H. Hansell (W).

For Lino-cuts:—Highly Commended, P. R. Briant (B); R. G. A. Barclay (B); J. J. O. Hutchison (C); A. G. E. Howard (C); R. Barker (W).

### PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION (March 20th, 1937).

1st and 2nd prizes, J. C. Brunel (W).

3rd prize, C. F. Tracy (W).

### WORKSHOPS EXHIBITION (March 20th, 1937).

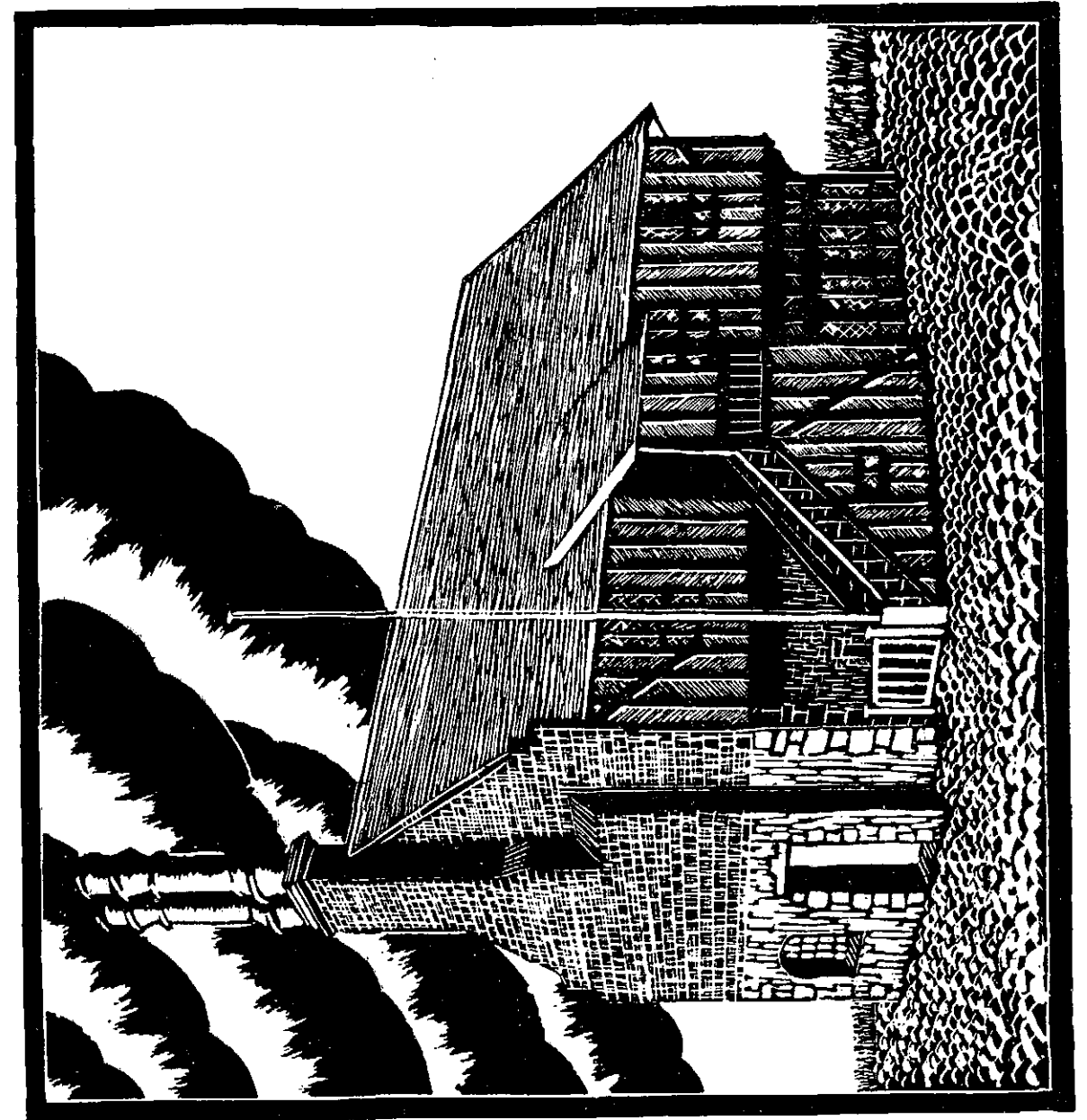
The Dragon Cup was won by Temple (329 points). Walpole (299 points) were runners-up.

### THE PUPPET SHOW (March 20th, 1937).

A very delightful show was given on Sports Day in the newly constructed Puppet Theatre in the Art School. The show was chiefly remarkable for the Puppets themselves, which were beautifully made, and the extremely artistic sets. Particularly entertaining were a blood-curdling dance by an extraordinarily versatile skeleton, and a short historical play in deliciously mock heroics.

### THE COBHAM HOUSE PLAY (March 20th, 1937).

Members of Cobham House revived an old custom this term, and produced a play in their house-room. The play chosen was "Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street," by George Dibdin Pitt, a macabre and delightfully artless old melodrama. R. H. Gethin took the title rôle; his hideous grimaces and demoniac laughter were really terrifying; in fact, he almost acted everyone else off the stage. Uproarious laughter was caused by J. C. I. Hooper's falsetto interpretation of the distressed heroine, and the rest of the cast were all good. The producer was P. Howson, and the Stage Manager D. R. Barbour. They and their assistants are to be congratulated, in particular for a very convincing "infernal machine" in the form of a barber's chair which precipitated Sweeney's victims to their deaths in the cellar below, and in general for a very light-hearted and entertaining show.



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